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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 12:41 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Rintala, Jessalynn F (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

The Governor will not be in Fairbanks at 1:00 p.m. I think if we sent a letter and flag certificate that will be fine. Thanks, Janice

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 11:34 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Rintala, Jessalynn F (GOV)
Subject: FW: Ak_History_Facts

Ladies,

This is one of our Killed In Action soldiers. I did not send the "canned" message maybe the Governor wants to attend??? Janice do you want to respond to her??? We are already sent a letter and flag with cert.

Donna

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 8:52 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: Joseph Balash; Kevin Banks; Kris Perry; Marty Rutherford; Mike Nizich; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow; Tom Irwin; Russ Kelly
Subject: NPRA Record of Decision/Fall Lease Sale

There are no surprises in this announcement, but the final Record of Decision does set the stage for a major lease sale by the BLM this fall.

While perhaps coincidental, the BLM announcement occurs at a time when the Democratic leadership in the House is seeking to feature NPR-A as an essential element of its energy policy (announced last week). Critics counter that the BLM is already doing everything possible to lease acreage in NPR-A on an expeditious basis.

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Record of Decision Sets Stage for Major Lease Sale in National Petroleum Reserve Alaska

In a Record of Decision issued today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that it will make land available for oil and gas leasing in the northeast portion of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A).

"This action sets the stage for a major lease sale this fall. This is welcome news at a time when Americans are paying record prices at the pump," said C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, in signing the ROD.

At the same lease sale, the BLM also plans to offer land in the northwest portion of the NPR-A.

"The rapid increase in energy costs facing our nation is driven by a

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worldwide imbalance in energy supply and demand," Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne said. "Developing the NPR-A in an environmentally sound manner will contribute to our domestic oil and natural gas supplies. Together with new production from other offshore and onshore areas, these increased supplies will help stabilize energy costs."

The lands made available for leasing under plans for NPR-A northeast and northwest could result in as much as 8.4 billion barrels of oil being developed. The lands could also provide trillions of cubic feet of natural gas for shipment to North American markets through gas pipelines currently in the planning stages.

"This decision provides for the protection of high value wildlife, including waterfowl and caribou, and meets the subsistence needs of North Slope residents while making lands with oil and gas potential available for leasing," said BLM-Alaska State Director Tom Lonnie.

The plan includes protections for the polar bear, including requirements to consider impacts on areas used by polar bears for denning. Additionally, with the listing of the polar bear the agency will continue to work closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on future oil and gas activities.

According to the Record of Decision, the BLM defers leasing for 10 years on land currently unavailable for leasing north and east of Teshekpuk Lake.

The Record of Decision for the Northeast NPR-A Final Supplemental Plan can be reached through a link on BLM-Alaska's home page at www.blm.gov/ak.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land - 258 million surface acres than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is in 12 Western states, including 80.8 million surface acres in Alaska. The Bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on the public lands.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 4:55 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: Meeting tomorrow

Unless you object, I will schedule a meeting w/Vince Belltrami for you and I for tomorrow. Late morning or early afternoon – by 1pm at latest for 30 minutes.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 11:29 AM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Oil&Gas

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From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Scott Ose

address: 8770 Falcon Trace Drive North Jacksonville FL 32222
904-305-5675

MESSAGE:

I just wanted to say thanks for what you do and what you stand for!! The United States needs more officials like you Sarah!! Keep pushing the drilling!!!

Although I am not from Alaska (I'm from Vt.) I have been there several times and have a brother that lives there and is a guide.

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 2:31 PM
To: John Katz
Cc: Joe Balash; K Perry; M Nizich; Russ Kelly
Subject: Re: Congressman Hall/Chapter 2 – CONFIDENTIAL/ATTORNEY CLIENTPRIVILEGE

I agree with your added statement re: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged Is forward your comments to Hall's office. (Don't know when I'll have time to call him, so maybe voicing our support in the manner you've suggested will suffice.)

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2008 13:06:20 -0400
To: Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Joseph Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Russ Kelly<rkelly@ALASKADC.org>
Subject: Congressman Hall/Chapter 2 -- CONFIDENTIAL/ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Sorry to bother you again. After sending = my previous email, I received the communication
pasted below from = Congressman Hall's energy staff person.

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If you = do decide to submit a statement, we could add a sentence at the e= nd of the previous draft along the lines of -

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Hi, John= - I spoke to Mr. Hall = and he said he'd like to speak to the Governor = if she had time in her schedule, but = understands if she's busy. Either way, he = would appreciate a letter of support for the bill and a = statement that he could issue to the press along the lines of how quickly = development would start once the land was transferred.

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Thanks!<= /SPAN>

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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Gasline

J- pls get me to Juneau for monday's leggings' actions

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 9:43 AM
To: 'akmusktrat@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 8:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Jackie Musgrave
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MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I have some questions regarding state grants from the capital budget. I would appreciate hearing from someone who can tell me the answers. Specifically, I am inquiring about state money allocated to Anchorage Public Library (APL) in the current budget (and yes, I did write urging you to veto their request!).

Does APL already have state money in the bank (the millions they were granted) or do they submit bills for repayment?

Does the state track grant expenditures? Is a receiving organization required to supply accounting information or is it just counted as free money, no strings attached?

Do grant requests need to contain detailed information on particular projects for which the money is needed, or is a vague wish list acceptable?

I understand that with the state grant and other local money gifts, APL has \$7 million toward a "renovation" of Loussac Library. They anticipate needing \$11 million. But the interesting part is, they are only now asking staff for input on how to use the money! They will be getting citizen input before long, and then will start spending on architectural designs and specific changes to the building, once the administrative team has chosen the actual projects.

I find it beyond bizarre that APL would ask for money when they did not have a "needs" plan in place. Apparently they didn't have anything but an old architect's drawing of changes to the main floor, and they now want to go beyond that. At the same time, the Mountain View Branch project is already a million over budget and nothing has been done yet to that building. I think some of the state funding was to go toward that.

With the economy diving downward, I am appalled that Anchorage Public Library would ask for millions before they know what they're going to do with it. I really would like to be enlightened on the grant process, so I hope there is someone who can explain it to me.

Thank you. Sincerely, Jackie Musgrave

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To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Gasline

We will have the team together at 9:30 Tom will come down to the 17th floor conf room. Pat will be on the phone, Joe, Kelly and I will be on video conf in Juneau.

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 6:51 AM
To: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Daily Clips 07.16.08

You're up early! Thanks for doing good work there Erin!

----- Original Message -----

From: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored) <erin.burkert@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 16 06:13:18 2008
Subject: Daily Clips 07.16.08

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ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

Alaska scores a coup with alpine skiing nationals

State will also host US cross-country championships in '09

By MIKE CAMPBELL

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(07/16/08 02:04:19)

Alaska pulled off a rare championship double this week when the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association confirmed that Alyeska Resort will host the U.S. Alpine Nationals March 24-31.

Last month, it was announced that the next two cross-country skiing national championships will be at Kincaid Park, with the 2009 competition being Jan. 3-8.

"It's very, very unusual for one state to host both Alpine and cross-country nationals -- or, for that matter, any two nationals," said Calum Clark, the event director at USSA.

Alyeska hosted the 2007 and 2004 alpine nationals. In 2003, the nationals were moved from Alyeska to Lake Placid because of poor snow conditions.

Anchorage has hosted both the alpine nationals and snowshoe nationals in the same year but never both ski nationals.

Nance Larsen, the vice president of communications and marketing for the Alaska Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the timing should give Anchorage a nice bump of visitors heading into the spring season. Some, she speculated, might choose to arrive early and see portions of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which begins on March 7,

"It's fantastic," said Shelly Wozniak, public relations manager of the ACVB. "It's really a culmination of a targeted marketing effort to portray Anchorage as a winter city.

"We are one of the top winter cities in the world and people are starting to recognize that."

Wozniak estimated that both events, which will bring hundreds of out-of-state skiers, could inject nearly \$2 million into the local economy.

"It's a great situation with Alyeska," Clark said. "It's a great destination."

Such American stars as Bode Miller of Bretton Woods, N.H., gold medalists Ted Ligety of Park City, Utah and Julia Mancuso of Olympic Valley, Calif., are expected on the slopes. So are Scott Macartney of Crystal Mountain, Wash., and Marco Sullivan, both of whom have competed in the spring Arctic Man Ski & Snowgo Classic. Lindsey Vonn of Vail, Colo., and Steven Nyman of Provo, Utah are two other Olympic skiers likely to compete.

A selling point for Alyeska is its downhill course. Because of Alaska's high latitude, there is typically enough snow in spring for a lengthy downhill course that runs to the bottom of the mountain.

At the 2007 nationals at Alyeska, Girdwood's John Love used his home-course advantage to finish 15th in the national championship, beating some U.S. Ski Team members.

"It was just realizing those other guys are just like me," Love said at the time. "They're just out there to ski. We're all doing the same thing."

Another plus is the daylight. By late March, sunset isn't until about 8:30 p.m.

"It's really good, a perfect time of year," Larsen said.

"We've done it so many times now that we have one of the best race crews in the country to support an event of this size," said Russell Sell, a board member of the Alyeska Ski and Snowboard Club. "There's something about our volunteers. We say, 'Let's ramp it up' and they just kind of gather it up."

Sparky Anderson, assistant alpine coach at UAA, said that hosting such a big event is a big asset to the UAA program.

"I'd expect all my kids to compete," said Anderson, who spent seven years as program director for the Alyeska Ski Club in Girdwood before joining UAA. "It's an incredible recruiting tool."

"They're competing against the top skiers in the world. That's a really neat opportunity to measure themselves."

Exxon maintains it doesn't owe interest

\$488 MILLION: Company files brief opposing plaintiffs' request.

By WESLEY LOY

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(07/15/08 21:58:15)

JUNEAU -- Exxon Mobil Corp. is fighting to avoid paying interest on the \$507.5 million judgment the U.S. Supreme Court ordered it to pay for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Lawyers for the Texas-based energy giant on Tuesday submitted a nine-page brief to the high court opposing the application of interest, which could bring the total punitive damages Exxon owes for the 1989 spill to nearly \$1 billion.

Exxon argues "there is no good reason" for the court to add interest.

"Exxon does not agree that there is any sound basis to award plaintiffs what they seek -- approximately \$488 million over and above the \$507.5 million that this Court determined was the legally proper amount to punish and deter," according to Exxon's filing.

Lawyers for commercial fishermen and other plaintiffs last week asked the Supreme Court to clarify whether interest would apply. The question came up after the court decided the long-running case on June 25, cutting the amount of damages from \$2.5 billion to \$507.5 million without mentioning interest.

Alaska lawyers representing the fishermen and other plaintiffs either didn't return calls Tuesday or declined to comment.

One Cordova commercial salmon fisherman, RJ Kopchak, said he wasn't surprised at Exxon's move.

"Everybody should be just livid about this kind of thing," he said. "We're all exhausted at this point. The big guy in the corner just keeps kicking our asses."

Exxon spokesman Tony Cudmore said Exxon believes interest should be applied only from the day the Supreme Court ruled, and not for prior years.

Cudmore added the company isn't trying to drag out a nearly 20-year case even longer.

"Again, like everyone involved in the tragic Valdez accident, we're anxious to have the matter resolved. We know this has been a very difficult time for all involved," Cudmore wrote in an e-mail.

With interest, and minus attorney fees, an estimated \$628 million would be divided among the more than 32,000 plaintiffs in the civil case.

Just when the Supreme Court justices might rule on the interest question is unclear.

The court recessed at the end of June, having remanded the case to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco to carry out the punitive damages award. According to the high court's Web site, during the summer the justices continue to analyze new petitions, consider motions and prepare for cases scheduled for fall argument.

In its brief, Exxon's lawyers say that under court rules, if an appellate court "fails to provide directions" on payment of interest on a judgment, then no interest is allowable.

The company's lawyers add that Exxon shouldn't be forced to pay interest as a way to further deter future spills, or because the case dragged on.

They say the blame for the case lasting so long is on fishermen and other plaintiffs who kept urging a U.S. District Court judge in Anchorage to "disregard the plain command" of the appeals court that a jury's original \$5 billion award in 1994 had to be reduced.

"There is ... no reason to penalize Exxon by awarding another \$488 million in damages when the substantial delay here was not in any sense Exxon's fault," the company's brief says.

Also Tuesday, the head of an industry watchdog group formed after the Exxon Valdez oil tanker hit a charted reef and spilled 11 million gallons of crude asked Gov. Sarah Palin to encourage Congress to censure "the five activist justices who recklessly issued" the "pro-business" decision on June 25.

"Without the possibility of significant punitive damage awards, the task of keeping oil tanker traffic in Prince William Sound environmentally safe will become much more

difficult for organizations such as ours," said John Devens, head of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, in a letter to Palin.

After long debate, Assembly votes to keep I/M testing

TURNAROUND: Program was scheduled to expire at end of 2009.

By TERRY CARR

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(07/16/08 01:57:34)

The Anchorage Assembly gave new life Tuesday night to a vehicle emissions inspection program that had been slated to die at the end of next year.

The decision reverses an 8-month-old vote by an Assembly of a different political stripe.

The action to continue the program, which came on a 6-4 vote late in Tuesday night's meeting, means that most vehicles in Anchorage will continue to undergo an I/M (inspection and maintenance) check every two years. The Assembly approved exceptions for new cars and for old ones.

"The real issue before this community is that we are in a category of city that has some of the worst air in this country," said Assemblywoman Sheila Selkregg, who voted to extend the program. "Even though we meet (federal) standards, we have a serious air issue."

But Assemblyman Chris Birch said the panel should stick with the earlier decision.

"The program has effectively run its course," he said. "We need to focus on issues in this community that are of a larger concern."

Joining Selkregg in voting for the program were Assembly members Matt Claman, Patrick Flynn, Elvi Gray-Jackson, Mike Gutierrez and Harriett Drummond. Birch, Debbie Ossiander, Bill Starr and Jennifer Johnston voted no. Assemblyman Dan Coffey did not participate because of a conflict.

A steady stream of people airing their views pushed a decision late into the night.

Foes and fans of the program were about equally represented.

"The issue is if we do away with I/M testing, the air will get worse," said Dr. George Stewart, a retired physician who specialized in lung diseases.

"We worked hard in getting this program implemented, and we don't want to see it go away," he said.

Other doctors, several parents of asthmatic children, and representatives of groups such as the American Lung Association of Alaska also testified in favor of the program.

But opponents of the program noted that Anchorage air, for years, has complied with federal standards.

"You've already voted to kill the program," said Rick Braun. "Reinstituting it is nothing but a tax increase. ... Stop it. Put a stake in it. Kill it."

The measure approved exempts new vehicles for the first six years. It also exempts 1967 model years or older.

Selkregg withdrew a proposal that would have required noise and safety checks.

The tests have been in place in Anchorage since the mid-1980s. The program was enacted to get control of escalating pollution and to bring the city into compliance with federal air standards, which were often violated before then.

The program requires that vehicle owners pay a fee of about \$60 to have their vehicles' emissions checked every other year for problems. A study done for the city reported that drivers spend about \$8.7 million a year on the tests and related repairs to bring vehicles into compliance.

Anchorage carbon monoxide readings declined significantly after the birth of the program, which cheered I/M program supporters and stirred opponents to undertake efforts to kill it.

A task force put together by Mayor Mark Begich in June 2007 looked at the program to determine if it should be kept. In the end, that panel urged some minor changes -- such as a longer exemption period for new vehicles -- but urged that the city keep the program.

In November, the Assembly voted 8-2 to kill the program as of the end of 2009. Only Claman and Selkregg then voting to keep it alive.

The balance of power changed dramatically in the April municipal elections, with control of the panel swinging to a group further to the left.

The proposals giving new life to the I/M program arose from that majority.

Glacier history lesson

Clues to past climates and hints of future are hidden in the ice

By ELIZABETH BLUEMINK

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(07/16/08 00:02:14)

For the first time in decades, federal officials allowed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge this summer.

It wasn't for oil, though.

The drillers were targeting ice buried deep in a glacier high in the Brooks Range.

Their goal is to learn about the region's past climate and search for clues about the region's future.

One pressing question: If the few Brooks Range glaciers dry up -- and it seems likely that they will if the current warming trend persists -- what will happen to the coastal plain rivers they feed?

Despite all the recent interest in climate change in the Arctic, there's little data on historical climate change in this swath of the Arctic.

"We're barely measuring what's happening now," said Matt Nolan, a glaciologist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks who led the ice core drilling project this summer.

In other places where there's no written record, scientists can drill into trees to study their rings. But there are few trees in that part of the Brooks Range.

Scientists can also analyze sediment layers drilled from lakes, but there aren't that many lakes there either.

One thing the region does have is a scattering of small glaciers. Ice cores drilled out of

glaciers are one of the most valuable tools used by climate researchers around the world today to study temperature changes over hundreds and even thousands of years, Nolan said.

On the Greenland ice sheet, for example, scientists have used ice core samples to probe annual temperature fluctuations as long ago as 100,000 years, he said.

To Nolan, drilling the McCall Glacier -- in the heart of the Arctic wilderness -- seemed like a good research project.

And time is slowly running out. Like other arctic glaciers in Alaska, the 4.3-mile-long McCall is losing about 3 feet of length per year. Physical evidence shows that the glacier was probably about 5 miles long in the 1800s. It may disappear in about 100 years, Nolan said.

When the Brooks Range glaciers are gone, scientists may lose their best tool for looking deep into the past.

WILDERNESS DRILLING

Since the late 1950s, scientists have been traveling to the remote glacier -- 8,000 feet in elevation at its highest point and about 60 miles south of Kaktovik -- to learn about the dynamics of the region's glacial ice and its climate. Nolan has been leading research projects on the glacier for the past six years.

In March, ANWR refuge managers granted Nolan and his research team permission to drill into the glacier for ice cores.

That's unusual for several reasons.

The glacier is part of the Arctic refuge's wilderness zone. It is almost impossible to get permission to use a mechanical tool in a federally designated wilderness. And to make things more concerning, these guys were packing fuel-powered drill rigs.

Ordinarily, that sort of work would be prohibited, said Jimmy Fox, the refuge's deputy manager, based in Fairbanks.

But Fox said the refuge staff has discretion to allow such projects. One thing they consider is whether the work can be done outside the wilderness. Another factor: Can the tools be minimized?

In this case, the only place in the refuge where it made sense to do this research was the McCall Glacier, where related work has been occurring for more than 50 years. And drilling rigs were necessary -- massive ice cores can't be extracted with a hand auger, he said.

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The project is also unusual because until now there haven't been many ice cores drilled out of Arctic glaciers in Alaska.

The work was challenging, Nolan said, noting that at one point, the drill hit an aquifer in the ice, filling the drill hole with water.

The team was constantly worried about losing the drill to the moving glacier, he added.

The research team pulled a 500-foot-long ice core from the glacier a few weeks ago. That's the longest ice core ever pulled out of the U.S. Arctic, Nolan said.

He said he hopes the core will provide a climatic record that goes back at least 200 years, when the Little Ice Age was cooling the northern hemisphere and arctic glaciers were still growing.

"I'd like to know how much cooler it was, and whether it was wetter or drier," Nolan said.

The ice cores were flown off the glacier in a Beaver ski plane and for now, they are being housed at the Alaska Ice Art Museum in Fairbanks.

The core samples will be analyzed by ice core researchers in Ohio and Belgium. Nolan said he hopes to have some findings by next March.

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What's in the ice?

How do scientists use ice cores to reconstruct climate history?

- They analyze the relative concentration of hydrogen and oxygen isotopes.
- They study materials trapped in the ice, such as insects, volcanic ash and radioactive fallout from nuclear tests.

Young spends half of his contributions on lawyers

CAMPAIGN: Parnell and Berkowitz raise twice as much as congressman.

By ERIKA BOLSTAD and SEAN COCKERHAM

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. Don Young spent about as much campaign money on lawyers helping him fend off a federal corruption probe as he raised for his re-election bid over the past three months, campaign finance filings show.

Young, Alaska's Republican congressman since 1973, spent \$48,521 on his own defense attorney this quarter, plus paid \$55,000 to a Seattle lawyer who is defending one of his campaign aides. That brings the total amount Young's campaign has spent on lawyers since the probe began in early 2007 to just over \$1.2 million.

Meanwhile, Young raised \$106,616 in campaign money over the past three months. Two of those seeking his seat, Republican Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell and Democrat Ethan Berkowitz, brought in more than twice that much. Berkowitz reports he now has a total of nearly \$400,000 in campaign cash, almost as much as Young -- who in past elections had an account of over a million dollars.

The legal expenses continue to chip away at what remains of Young's campaign fund.

"Of course we're concerned, but we still have our nose to the grindstone and we're focusing on the campaign," said Young's campaign spokesman, Mike Anderson, who also serves as his chief of staff. "One thing Mr. Young knows how to do is how to campaign."

Anderson said he expects that next quarter, some of the legal expenses charged to the campaign account will shift to the legal expense fund Young set up this winter to help defray his legal costs. U.S. House rules prohibit Anderson from being actively involved in that fund, but he said Tuesday that he has been told that it is raising enough money to pick up the tab for some of Young's legal fees.

A report filed late Tuesday with the Federal Election Commission shows that Young continues to employ John Dowd of the Washington D.C. law firm Akin Gump. Dowd has been

looking at documents in Young's office to determine what is privileged congressional information that they believe Young can withhold and what must be turned over to executive branch investigators.

Young continues to refuse to say exactly what his legal fees have been paying for, but the congressman is connected to several federal investigations. They include a wide-ranging federal probe into corruption in Alaska politics, which has focused on the fundraising practices of the former oil-services company Veco Corp.

Young's campaign also spent about \$55,000 this quarter and \$35,000 previously with John Wolfe, a Seattle lawyer who represents Steve Dougherty, one of the congressman's longtime campaign aides. Separately, the campaign paid the Washington D.C. law firm Tobin, O'Connor, Ewing and Richard \$25,167 this quarter to review its campaign filings.

Young's \$106,616 in reported campaign contributions the past three months came from a number of sources including Alaskans, congressional lobbyists and oil company BP.

Young faces two opponents in the August Republican primary. One of them, Parnell, raised \$266,000 in the same period, his first full quarter as a candidate.

Much of Parnell's campaign money came through the national anti-earmark group, the Club for Growth. The group said it is also launching anti-Young television ads in Alaska. The other Republican running, Gabrielle LeDoux, brought in just over \$200,000 in the last three months; \$157,500 of that was her own money.

Among the two candidates competing in the Democratic primary for the U.S. House seat, Berkowitz has raised far more campaign money than Diane Benson.

Benson reported raising \$52,606 in the past three months, with donations from Alaskans as well as the Tohono O'Odham Nation and the Hualapi Tribe, both of Arizona.

Berkowitz -- who brought in over four times as much in the same period -- reported money from Alaska donors in addition to national money from sources such as unions, Planned Parenthood and congressional Democrats.

Begich, Stevens rake in millions

CAMPAIGN: Mayor raises money quickly; senator still has more.

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Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich hauled in more than a million dollars in just the past three months for his campaign to win the seat of longtime Alaska Sen. Ted. Stevens.

"We're very excited," said Begich spokeswoman Julie Hasquet. "We have a huge war chest we're up against. We're just going to have to keep plugging away."

Begich has shown he can raise money fast since entering the race at the end of April. But the Republican Stevens also continues to raise campaign money at a good clip, according to the new federal campaign finance reports out Tuesday. Stevens reported raising \$745,000 over the past three months. That left him, after expenses, with a remaining campaign treasury account of \$1.68 million.

Stevens has around double the cash on hand that Begich reported after campaign expenses.

Stevens said in a written statement that "we have continued to have strong support from hundreds of Alaskan donors."

David Cuddy, who is running against Stevens in the Republican primary for the Senate, said he's raised just around \$10,000 in the past three months. Cuddy has spent about \$130,000 on his campaign so far -- mostly out of his own pocket.

"It's very hard running against a 40-year incumbent and with the economy the way it is," Cuddy said.

Cuddy said he doesn't get the "lobbyist and special interest" money that Stevens does. Cuddy challenged Stevens in 1996 for the Republican nomination and spent roughly \$1 million, most of that from his own bank account. Cuddy said he's not prepared to spend as much of his money this time and will lose the primary unless he can get people excited about his views of a federal budget that's not loaded with "pork" projects.

Ray Metcalfe, who is running against Begich in the Democratic primary, said he's raised "not much for money." Metcalfe said he's been more focused on proving his allegations that Begich has improper financial relationships with Anchorage developers. Begich says Metcalfe's claims are baseless.

The details of Begich's and Stevens' campaign contribution and spending reports were released Tuesday and combine thousands of pages. They'll be closely analyzed over the coming days but an immediate scan through Stevens' report shows Alaska donors as well as money from Citigroup, the American Cable Association, the United States Telecom Association, Southwest Air, Clear Channel Communications and lobbying firms.

Begich's report, available on his campaign Web site, also shows Alaska donors as well as money from several unions, the abortion-rights group NARAL, the American Association for Justice lawyers group and political action committees of Senate Democrats. Begich also picked up a lot of small donations via the Internet through the ActBlue Democratic

political action committee.

Safety department appointee denies account of sexual harassment

ACCUSATION: State's new public safety boss claims no "skeletons."

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The new state Department of Public Safety Commissioner Chuck Kopp on Tuesday denied a history of sexual harassment while he was police chief in Kenai.

Stories of inappropriate conduct by Kopp toward a former employee surfaced after Gov. Sarah Palin abruptly replaced commissioner Walt Monegan with Kopp on Friday.

Asked at a press conference to get his side of the sexual harassment allegations, Kopp responded: "There has never been a sexual harassment allegation that resulted in a lawsuit or a settlement by the city of Kenai."

Asked how many complaints have been filed against him, he said: "I do not have a history of complaints. Obviously, there has been a source that has talked about an incident, and anything that would be a personnel matter with another individual I would not be able to comment on. But, again, I just want to encourage you guys, there is absolutely nothing in my record that I'm ashamed of. There's no skeletons in my closet."

Asked again how many complaints have there been, Kopp said: "There's only one that I've ever been, ah, that has ever happened. Period. And I don't want to comment on that."

Palin knew of the accusation before she picked Kopp, her spokeswoman Sharon Leighow said. She looked into it and found it to be unsubstantiated, Leighow said. The governor still supports Kopp, she said.

On Sunday, a Kenai Peninsula woman e-mailed Palin that Kopp is "a dishonest, manipulative bully" who once sexually harassed her.

The woman, whom the Daily News has agreed not to name, said Tuesday she worked for Kopp in 2005 as his assistant. Kopp repeatedly asked her for hugs and a once kissed her cheek, she said. When she objected to his behavior, he reprimanded her, she said.

She reported the incidents to another supervisor, who took it to the city council, she

said. It was also reported to the Alaska Police Standards Council.

Her claims were substantiated, she said, and she was given a different boss.

A city councilman at that time, Joe Moore, said any personnel matters are confidential.

The police standards council said it would not reveal information about investigations into unethical behavior unless it resulted in the officer having his badge taken away.

Palmer building permits dip to 10-year low

MONEY: City takes in \$22,583 compared with \$63,821 for the same time period last year.

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PALMER -- While many property owners' renovations are giving downtown Palmer a face-lift, that may be a bit deceiving regarding construction overall.

At the City Council's meeting July 8, Sandra Garley, director of community development, gave the mayor, city manager and the council some grim news: The number of building permits issued so far this year is at a 10-year low.

Through June, only 50 permits had been issued to builders. That compares to a high of 80 for the same period in 2003.

Beyond being bad for builders, the slowdown has hurt the city's pocketbook.

The city charges for those permits, and the first half of this fiscal year has brought in \$22,583 compared to the same time frame last year totalling \$63,821.

And even though there weren't many permits granted in 1999, the value of the property being built was \$14.5 million compared to this year's \$2 million.

"It's a reflection of the economy at the state and federal level," Garley said Friday. "We've had few housing starts, and that's part of that low number. Palmer's always had peaks and valleys."

The story's similar in Wasilla.

"We're experiencing the same thing," city planner Jim Holycross, said Monday. "In June we had six permits, and this month we have two. Of course the month isn't over."

He said the Primrose Retirement Community has been a bright spot with its four duplexes, 32 assisted living units and 36 single-family homes. He said multiple-family units like duplexes are helping out, as well as additions to established businesses such as Fred Meyer and the Alaska Club.

Wasilla also has attracted some big-box-type stores, Sportsman's Warehouse among them.

That's where Garley thinks Palmer is hurting, in addition to the home construction slump.

"We're not getting the big stores," she said. "They're waiting for the economy to turn around."

Garley said bigger businesses are showing an interest in locating in the hub of government in the Valley but not this year. She said advance people have been stopping in to get information about building codes and other compliance data, but they're telling her they're waiting for better financial conditions.

With building in slow mode, those who supply lumber, paint, wiring and all the other stuff, are feeling it as well.

"It's less than before, but everybody's not doing as much business as last year," said Jason Crist, assistant manager at Spenard Builders Supply in Palmer.

"We had two or three good years there."

As for this cycle, "We'll have to wait 'til the end of the year to know for sure" how business turns out.

Mat-Su, Anchorage still at odds over ferry landing

TYONEK: Cook Inlet village plans to sign up for service and build community dock.

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WASILLA -- Construction of a catamaran-style ferry to transport passengers from Anchorage to Port MacKenzie is expected to be complete in fall 2009, but the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is still waiting for Anchorage to agree on a landing spot on its side of the inlet.

Meanwhile, neighboring Cook Inlet community Tyonek plans to sign on as a ferry customer.

The ferry is a one-of-a-kind ship being built by the federal Office of Naval Research.

That office is paying for construction, estimated at \$50 million, because it's interested in features such as the ferry's movable deck that can be raised or lowered to allow beach landings in wartime.

The vessel is also an icebreaker that should be able to plow through Cook Inlet ice floes year around.

According to Tyonek's development consultant John McClellan, the village's tribal and community leaders are reviewing a memorandum of agreement with the Mat-Su Borough saying it will support the project and seek funding for a Tyonek landing dock.

Tyonek, a community of about 181 people 45 miles west of Anchorage, would be a two-hour ferry trip from Anchorage.

"It's only accessible now by air. For a family to go shopping in the urban center they can literally see from town, it just doesn't happen. It's very difficult to organize that," McClellan said.

Borough manager John Duffy said Tyonek's involvement is a sign of support for ferry service in Cook Inlet.

"That further supports what we've been saying for many years, that the ferry system will create a lot of new economic opportunities. That's something Anchorage should keep in mind, that a lot of these economic opportunities will benefit them," Duffy said.

If Duffy's comment sounds critical of Anchorage, it's meant to. Mat-Su and Anchorage officials have been deadlocked over where the Mat-Su ferry should land for several years. The Anchorage landing is expected to cost \$30 million, Mat-Su port director Marc Van Dongen said.

Anchorage municipal leaders want the ferry to land at its expanding port where, according to Anchorage economic and community development executive director Mary Jane Michael, its landing dock can be reused if the ferry one day stops operating.

Mat-Su Borough officials want the ferry to land at Ship Creek, well away from security and traffic at the port.

Both Michael and Duffy said they hope a letter from Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich outlining his expectations for the project will resolve the issue.

But the borough says the delay has had a significant cost.

Van Dongen said ferry service is delayed by two years because a site has not yet been picked, and that the landings will cost \$6 million more to build due to rising construction costs.

Michael said Anchorage supports the ferry project but it has to blend with development plans the city already has for Ship Creek.

And the city wants to see plans for raising capital and operational funds that will resolve concerns that the project would be a burden to Anchorage taxpayers one day if the ferry business stops or subsidies for operations don't follow as planned.

"We need to see a comprehensive plan for the ferry, not just choose a landing," she said.

Duffy said the borough is preparing that information. He said the borough does not yet have funding to build the Anchorage landing, although he's confident the borough will get it.

"It's real hard to ask for funding if you don't know the final cost," Duffy said.

Duffy said the ferry will likely be complete in 2009 but piloting it from Ketchikan to Anchorage in rough winter seas could "reduce the useful life" of the vessel.

He estimated the vessel would be in Cook Inlet in the spring of 2010.

MEA to pursue gas plant

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WASILLA -- Matanuska Electric Association says regional electric plans won't affect its pursuit of a natural gas plant to serve Eagle River and Mat-Su customers.

Utility cooperative representatives were at an Anchorage meeting of utility leaders and others Thursday, participating in a two-year state-funded Railbelt Electrical Grid Authority study.

Kevin Harper with energy consulting firm Black & Veatch presented preliminary study results that analyzed how Railbelt utilities would be affected if they combined generation and transmission duties. Harper's presentation estimated utilities could save between \$10 and \$30 million each year over 30 years by consolidating into a single, state-run entity. Harper said the utilities, many of them member-owned cooperatives, could continue to operate as energy distributors.

MEA spokeswoman Lorali Carter said after the meeting that MEA administrators have previously backed plans for a traditional generation and transmission cooperative along the Railbelt but are concerned that a state-run entity, overseen by governor-appointed board members, might be too subject to political whims.

Further, Harper's presentation suggested that the authority might have easier access to tax-free financing if it was not subject to regulation by the state Regulatory Commission of Alaska. Carter said MEA would prefer that the new entity remain under Regulatory Commission control.

Fort Wainwright soldiers head to Iraq

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About 500 soldiers based at Fort Wainwright near Fairbanks will be deployed to Iraq this week, the Army says.

A deployment ceremony is planned Thursday for the soldiers of Task Force 49.

The unit will provide aerial reconnaissance and air support in Iraq during the 12-month deployment.

Alaska gas prices highest in US

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The AAA says the average price of regular gas in Alaska is the highest in the nation, topping this month's list at \$4.64 a gallon.

Alaska is followed by California at \$4.51 a gallon and Hawaii at \$4.47.

The automobile association surveys nearly 100,000 gas stations across the country daily.

The Anchorage average is \$4.42 a gallon today compared with \$2.98 a year ago, AAA said. The Alaska average a year ago was \$3.12.

Nationally, regular gasoline prices average \$4.11, AAA said.

Meanwhile, oil prices tumbled today as U.S. stocks sold off amid worries about the nation's economic health.

Prices dropped more than \$10 a barrel from their highest point of the day. At midday, light, sweet crude fell \$6.27 to \$138.91 in an extremely volatile session.

The turnaround may not signal a lasting shift in sentiment; prices have swung violently in recent days as they flirted with record highs. But it does underscore investor uncertainty about the sustainability of sky-high prices and their effect on the broader economy.

"They're slamming this pretty good. But remember, these \$10 moves are becoming a little more commonplace," said Phil Flynn, analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

Oil prices plunge to \$138

INFLATION: Investors showing uncertainty over sky-high prices.

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NEW YORK -- Oil prices fell harder than they have in 17 years Tuesday as fears that record fuel prices are spreading broad economic pain exacerbated the third big sell-off in just over a week.

Alaska North Slope oil plunged \$6.44, or 4.5 percent, to close at \$138.04 a barrel on West Coast open markets. Other grades of oil from around the world fell similar amounts.

Mounting concerns about the risks inflation poses to the United States, the world's biggest oil consumer, helped spark the declines. Analysts also attributed the sell-off on the New York Mercantile Exchange to Thursday's expiration of options contracts, which tend to increase volatility, and to computers programed to automatically sell once prices reach certain thresholds.

"There was this big ... selling pressure when prices dipped below \$140 a barrel. It got a lot of bulls very nervous," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "If it was a fire, you'd call it an accelerant."

The drop, which eclipsed last Tuesday's slide of \$5.33, marked the biggest decline in dollar terms since the Gulf War. Even so, prices remain no lower than they were a week ago.

Longtime market observers cautioned that the turnaround might not signal a lasting shift in sentiment -- prices have swung violently in recent days as they flirted with record highs. But it does underscore investor uncertainty about the sustainability of sky-high prices and their potentially long-lasting effects on the broader economy.

Concerns about the economy were high on traders' minds Tuesday.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress that "numerous difficulties" are racking the U.S. economy, and warned that rising prices for energy and food are elevating the risks of inflation.

At the same time, the Labor Department reported that wholesale inflation jumped by 1.8 percent last month, a larger-than-expected gain. Over the past year, wholesale prices have risen 9.2 percent, the most since 1981.

The latest monthly market report from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

gave traders further reason to unload oil.

The cartel predicted world oil demand will rise by 900,000 barrels a day in 2009, or 100,000 barrels per day less than this year. OPEC blamed the slowdown on a slumping economy and high pump prices in richer industrialized countries.

Meanwhile, a five-day strike by Brazilian oil workers that began early Monday had less effect on output than feared.

The dollar fell to a new low against the euro, but that did little to halt oil's decline. The weaker dollar has driven prices sharply higher in recent months, enticing investors to pump money into oil as a hedge against inflation and making crude cheaper for overseas buyers.

President Bush continued to press the Democratic-run Congress to open up new areas to offshore oil drilling. The president lifted a ban on continental shelf drilling Monday, but a congressional prohibition remains.

At the fuel pump, retail gas prices in the U.S. remained at a record near \$4.11 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express. Diesel rose six-tenths of a penny to its own high of \$4.83 a gallon.

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Alaska is followed by California at \$4.51 a gallon and Hawaii at \$4.47.

The Anchorage average is \$4.42 a gallon today compared with \$2.98 a year ago, AAA said. The Alaska average a year ago was \$3.12.

Tuesday's sell-off alone is unlikely to bring drivers much relief.

"People shouldn't expect to see their pump prices drop," Kloza said.

Slow business prompts perks in Denali park

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FAIRBANKS — Visitation is down 13 percent so far this year at Denali National Park, prompting some businesses to offer major bargains in hopes of sparking in-state travel.

According to the park public affairs office, 143,514 visitors entered Denali so far this year, compared to about 164,324 at this time in 2007. Even camping reservations declined 17 percent through June 22, said Kris Fister, park public affairs manager.

Attributing the decline to a slow economy and rising gas prices, Denali Park Resorts is offering half-price bargains on two-night stays through Sept. 17 — plus a \$100 gas card. More two-for-one specials are available on tours and activities hosted by the company.

"We are really having to provide tremendous value for the gas dollar," said Bob Concienne, vice president for Alaska operations for Aramark Parks and Destinations, which owns Denali Park Resorts.

Traffic is down at Denali Park Resorts' four lodging facilities near the park, Concienne said. At the same time, changes in consumer spending patterns indicate people want more value for a dollar — and that they are willing to forego far-off vacations in favor of staycations, or vacations taken at home or close to home to save money.

"The incentive is gas," he said. "If we can incentivize folks to come visit our properties if we pay for their gas, all the better."

Aramark wanted to capitalize on the momentum of staycations. Staycations will be a key component of Denali Park Resorts' business for the next few years, he added.

"We've got to provide that sort of option and make it attractive," he said.

Denali Park Resorts' focus on staycations could boost business at independent businesses serving tourists around the national park — some of whom say they're unable to offer such drastic cuts as the national chain Aramark.

Instead, they are relying on word-of-mouth advertising and loyalty, offering discounts for return customers and military, and hoping this tourist season picks up.

Joanna Cockman is co-owner of Denali Outdoors Center, a Healy business that pairs a campground and cabins with raft trips, kayak tours and mountain bike excursions.

Tourism is definitely slow this season, she said, although the pick-up in German-speaking travelers has helped offset the overall decreases.

That's because the center caters to independent travelers, rather than those on package tours, and German-speaking guests are more likely to see Alaska on their own.

The center always offers discounts for locals, she said.

The slow-down has also hit high-end tourist services, such as flightseeing. Tim Cudney, director of business development for Era Helicopters, said he and others in the business have noticed declines this year.

He said Era is taking the slowdown in stride, managing better instead of laying off staff or making other cuts. A cushion is softening the situation — Era raised rates significantly last year to reflect higher fuel costs, and is somewhat offsetting declines in numbers through those fee increases, Cudney explained.

While Era isn't trying to lure more business with deals, people can typically save money by buying tickets direct, Cudney said.

Energy summit to focus on gasification facility

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FAIRBANKS — High-ranking federal and state officials will be in Fairbanks this week for an energy summit hosted by borough Mayor Jim Whitaker and U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens to fast-track a plant to turn coal and biomass into power, fuel and heat for Interior Alaska.

Officials attending include U.S. Department of Energy Undersecretary Bud Albright Jr., and Kevin Billings, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Energy and Environment. Alaska's Washington, D.C., delegation and state Speaker of the House Rep. John Harris, R-Valdez, are expected to attend, as well. Gov. Sarah Palin was invited but hasn't confirmed her plans.

Whitaker said the summit will hopefully solidify federal and state support for the Interior Energy Plan that the borough and the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation have been working on for more than three years. Heating and fueling costs have increased exponentially during that time, prompting Whitaker and others to push for quick action on a plant.

Attendees will hear from experts in resources, transportation, technology and more on Friday morning at Wedgewood Resort, followed by a question-and-answer period. The group is scheduled for dinner and a reception at Chena Hot Springs, where discussions will continue Saturday morning.

Each party will be asked to pledge support and to consider what they can bring to the table to build the facility.

"We recognize that it will take a bit of time, but not much, in order for the participants of this summit to be fully authorized (to act)," Whitaker said. "The intent is to fast-track this."

Making sure planning is complete and funding is in place will fast-track the project, he explained. Local proponents are also hoping for a military commitment to site the facility at Eielson Air Force Base and to purchase fuel, a key component in bringing a plant online quickly, Whitaker said.

Meanwhile, FEDC and the borough anticipate a report this fall from Toronto-based consultant Hatch Ltd. that should identify the best options and costs for building a gasification facility.

As proposed, such a plant would turn coal and biomass into gas, then use the Fischer-Tropsch process to turn the gas into liquid fuel for space heating and transportation. Additional gas would be used to power turbines to generate electricity.

The same raw materials, coal and biomass, could also be gasified as synthetic fuels. The Air Force could be a critical market for those synthetic fuels.

The Fischer-Tropsch process was developed in Germany in the 1920s. The process has been used for several decades to fuel vehicles in South Africa.

Whitaker and Stevens are hosting the energy summit with support from FEDC.

Fairbanks fire training center expected to open in September

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FAIRBANKS — The Fairbanks Regional Fire Training Center on 30th Avenue and Lathrop Street is expected to be completed by the end of September if the City Council approves a resolution to fund the completion of the second phase of the project.

The fire training center is used by city, borough and interior firefighters and has been funded by the state and local governments so far.

Fairbanks borough, UAF eye free bus rides

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FAIRBANKS — University students, professors, employees and teachers could start riding the bus for free this fall.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough and the University of Alaska Fairbanks are eyeing a deal where anyone with a school ID card could hop on any public bus line for free, anywhere, anytime.

Brian Rogers, the university's interim chancellor, said rising gasoline costs, coupled with parking fees, can leave some students and staff paying up to \$10 a day to commute and park.

"Absent this," Rogers said of the proposed pilot program, "there's a real barrier to students, an economic barrier, and all of us are facing it." The rising cost of commuting to school and work hinders the school's mission of promoting academic excellence and lifelong learning in Alaska, he said.

Four of the borough's six fixed-route bus lines -- Yellow, Blue, Red and Gray -- make regular stops at the university's main campus, and the downtown transit center sits a couple of blocks away from the school's Tanana Valley Campus.

It would hit a slice of the community that already uses the bus often -- about one in six of all 292,000 bus rides start or end at the university's Wood Center student activity building, said Glenn Miller, who directs the Transportation Department for the borough. But there could be room for growth, as only seven riders disembarked from a combined four bus stops at the Wood Center between 9:15 and 9:45 Tuesday morning.

Twenty-one-year-old chemistry student Kyung Kim said she'd heard something last week from a friend about the prospect of free rides.

"I think it's a good idea," said Kim, an incoming sophomore who has used monthly bus passes to commute between North Pole and UAF all summer. A native of Korea who has attended high school and college in Fairbanks for four years, she said free rides would make her think seriously about commuting year-round. She said the bus system in her hometown is far more convenient than here, but added that in many ways, using the Fairbanks routes still beats driving.

"If the bus system was more convenient, I might take the bus to come here every day" all year, she said outside the Wood Center on Tuesday.

Borough Mayor Jim Whitaker is set to formally pitch what would amount to a pilot project this week.

For the first year or two, the university would pay the borough a fraction of the prospective contract's price tag to compensate for lost fares, Miller said. After that, if the pilot project is successful, the two sides can strike a longer-term deal that would leave the university on the hook to pay roughly \$200,000 or more each year.

The Borough Assembly could approve the trial run as early as July 24. That would put the free-rides program in place weeks in advance of the fall semester.

Part-time students would also be eligible for the proposed program, as would anyone with an active school identification card.

Whitaker said the proposal also carries the potential of increasing overall ridership numbers, which he said could mean more federal funding for the bus system.

"Overall, it's a significant winner for both the borough and the university," he said.

Many large cities, including Anchorage, strike transit deals with big employers. Rogers said the idea has been floating around Fairbanks for a few years.

This summer, he said, Whitaker's chief of staff revived the idea during meetings with Rogers' administrative services transition team.

The group realized the plan could help lower student costs, make life on campus a little more "sustainable," make it easier to park and get people in the habit of using public transit.

"Based on that, the mayor put together a proposal (for) us and I said, 'Yes, we're prepared to pay a portion on a trial basis.' And off it went," Rogers said.

Miller said more bus riders would also reduce air pollution by cutting the number of cars on the road, including a type of pollution consisting of tiny bits of airborne dust, chronic in Fairbanks.

"Reducing the total (vehicle miles traveled) will not only help us in our current struggles" with particulate pollution, Miller wrote in an e-mail, "but with other pollutants such as carbon monoxide and other gases that seem to be front page news around the country today."

The school would pay the borough almost \$20,000 under the first year of the pilot program.

Anchorage has used a similar deal to offer free bus rides to university students and staff for a decade, according to Jody Karcz, the city's transit director. The number of riders who flashed their university ID for a free ride more than doubled during the U-Pass program's first couple of semesters, from 359 riders per day to 850, she said. Since then, the city has struck similar ridership deals with a few other big employers including ConocoPhillips.

Karcz said she thinks frequent riders appreciate the added option of taking the bus for free to and from work, particularly in light of the rising cost of gasoline.

She suspects rising fuel costs have led to increased ridership in Anchorage, which has risen by about 10 percent in recent months.

"When you get rid of the fare, you make ridership a lot easier," she said.

Rogers said organizers would define a long-term free-rider program based on how well it works during the trial course.

"We really appreciate that the mayor came up with this program and hope the trial shows that it does make a difference and reaches all of our objectives," he said.

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With low rates back, conservation slackens

AEL&P spokesman says energy use still lower than in 2007

Juneau is still conserving electricity compared to last year. But in the month the city spent back on lower rates, usage crept up once again.

"Energy use in 2008 is trending upward at a relatively constant slope," wrote Alaska Electric Light & Power Co. spokesman Scott Willis in an e-mail.

Last week, Juneau used about 13 percent less electricity than in the same week last year, according to numbers provided by Willis. Conservation persists despite this year's cooler temperatures, which ordinarily tend to correlate with higher electricity use.

In the weeks before the April 16 avalanche, Juneau was using about 2 to 3 percent more electricity than during the same time in 2007. That trend might have been expected to continue - until avalanches destroyed the lines from the Snettisham hydroelectric power plant and forced the city to rely on more expensive diesel. At the height of Juneau's enthusiasm for conservation, in May, residents and businesses made national news by conserving electricity by more than 30 percent compared to the year before.

Anecdotally, Juneau Home Depot manager Troy Wolfinbarger painted a similar picture. After the avalanches, he couldn't keep compact fluorescent light bulbs in stock, as pallet after pallet sold out. Now, he said, they're still selling more than they were before the avalanches, but just slightly more. Gas-fueled major appliances such as dryers and stoves, which also gained sudden popularity after the avalanches, are also still selling a bit more, he said.

"I can see there is still some consciousness out there about energy conservation, but it's nothing like it was," he said.

Was the conservation a temporary blip in our usual consumption habits? Could it portend greater future energy conservation?

"I think some of it still may be behavioral. I think people may have found that they can do just fine without certain things," said Willis, noting that lights were still dim at various offices around town, and that he himself had realized he could turn his boiler off.

The focus on conservation for many may shift back to petroleum products, as gasoline and

heating oil prices rise - and the latter is once again more expensive than electricity.

"What I'm hearing from friends and family is the inclination to go buy plug-in heaters because oil is so expensive," said Sally Schlichting, a member of the city Sustainability Commission.

But people can't just switch to a new energy source, she added.

"You've got to insulate your home and reduce your energy consumption," she said.

Responding to news of the upward trend, Bill Leighty, an energy analyst and former member of the city Energy Advisory Committee, said people shouldn't be surprised by it.

"People are sick and tired of not being able to use their electric dryers," he said.

He maintained that Juneau could have done more - and could still do more - to retrain itself to consume less energy.

That would have required, for example, seeing a shockingly high bill very early in the crisis; conducting home energy audits on a mass scale to find and fix where energy is wasted; and installing smart meters in houses to show people directly the effects of turning on appliances.

"If you're training a dog, you need to give the dog rapid, immediate feedback to reinforce or discourage behavior. We're just smart dogs, in this case," Leighty said.

KETCHIKAN DAILY NEWS

Committee to discuss tax incentives

KETCHIKAN (KDN) - Property tax incentives is a discussion item for the Planning Liaison Committee's meeting Tuesday.

Assembly Member John Harrington, committee co-chair, listed in a memo four possible tax incentives/exemptions for the committee to discuss, including historic sites, buildings and monuments; maintenance and repair or renovation of an existing structure; economic development property; and substantial rehabilitation of deteriorated property.

Harrington writes historic buildings could be exempted from taxes, according to state law.

Tax incentives for maintenance of an existing building category is limited to four years, and the extent of repairs while rehabilitation of deteriorated property is up to 10 years.

Economic development property only applies to new capital ventures and is limited to five years.

Also on Tuesday's agenda, is a review of the comprehensive plan update sections 3 through 6, and going over the proposed job description for an economic development manager.

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Valley Bureau

Wasilla council grapples with unethical behavior

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

WASILLA, Alaska -- The Wasilla City Council has agreed that Mayor Dianne Keller and her staff acted unethically to benefit a developer.

But Monday night the council had a more difficult time deciding what should happen to all those involved.

"My concern is that if we don't do anything here, we've essentially told the employees

that we condone this behavior," Councilwoman Dianne Woodruff said.

Woodruff proposed an action memorandum to censure the two current and one former employee accused of working inappropriately and illegally with Meritage Development Group.

The memorandum failed with a 3-1 vote.

Some council members say since the mayor hires her staff she must be the one to discipline them.

"I just want to make sure that we take the right process," Councilman Marty Mativa said. "You know, we're governed by code, there's certain things we can do, and there's certain things we can't do."

Council member Steve Menard announced Monday he will bring back his June 30 motion for a vote of no confidence in Mayor Keller.

The original motion was pulled after council approved a motion to request Keller's resignation. Keller told the council she will not resign.

News Minute: Inflation...Potential veeps...Israeli confirmation

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans were again paying a lot more for energy last month -- and that led to the biggest jump in consumer inflation in 26 years. The government says prices soared by 1.1%, a much worse showing than expected. Big gains for gasoline, home heating oil and natural gas get much of the blame.

CHICAGO (AP) - Barack Obama is meeting with two potential running mates amid a push to outline his vision for Iraq and U.S. foreign policy elsewhere. Obama will be joined by Indiana Senator Evan Bayh and former Georgia Senator Sam Nunn at an event at Purdue University in Indiana today.

CINCINNATI (AP) - John McCain will speak before the NAACP's annual conference in Cincinnati. In his speech, he'll promise to expand school choice, saying new reforms should be demanded by parents who send their children to failing schools.

ROSH HANIKRA, Israel (AP) - Hezbollah guerrillas have turned over two coffins containing the bodies of Israeli soldiers captured two years ago. Though Israeli officials had suspected the soldiers were dead all along, the sight of the two coffins was the first proof of that since they were captured.

STICKNEY, Ill. (AP) - A family from suburban Chicago says they arrived at a funeral home to view their 91-year-old grandmother's body, but found another woman inside the casket instead. The family of Lillian Grogan says the stranger was wearing their grandmother's dress and favorite bracelet, after the funeral home mixed the women up.

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ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

(Letters to the Editor/Opinion)

Hydropower

Chakachamna has become an alternative worth exploring

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A good-sized hydropower project at Chakachamna Lake about 85 miles west of Anchorage looks promising as a major source of renewable energy that can help hold down electricity costs in the Railbelt for decades.

The proposed project would generate enough power to provide electricity to nearly a third of the homes from Fairbanks to Anchorage to the Kenai Peninsula -- enough to take the edge off worries that cheap, once-abundant supplies of natural gas from Cook Inlet are drying up.

It's worth a serious look -- especially compared with more costly or most environmentally disruptive alternatives, like using coal, or building a more massive hydro project on the Susitna River.

The Chakachamna project is estimated to cost \$1.75 billion. That would be a big investment, but as with all hydro projects, a big up-front investment buys a source of electricity that runs for decades, with fuel costs that are essentially zero. The price of electricity from the project will depend on whether the state contributes construction funds. The more the state contributes, the less the electricity will cost. Power from the state-financed Bradley Lake hydro project, near Homer, wholesales for around 4.4 cents a kilowatt hour compared to about 7.5 cents for electricity from natural gas generators.

Chakachamna was among 33 alternative energy projects that just won a small but encouraging grant from the Denali Commission and the Alaska Energy Authority.

The project was first brought up in the 1980s, but big-dreaming community leaders and politicians at the time favored a huge and ultimately unrealistic hydro project on the Susitna River. TDX Power recently revived Chakachamna Lake, simplified it, and lessened one of the major concerns with the early version -- that it could hurt salmon runs.

The latest proposal, instead of creating a dam, calls for building a 12-mile long tunnel to funnel water from the mountains to a power plant near sea level. The idea is that the level of the lake wouldn't have to be raised behind a dam that would block salmon from swimming upstream.

It's not clear whether building Chakachamna would hurt the economic prospects for a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Southcentral. To make that gas pipeline economically feasible, it needs some big industrial customers to buy a lot of gas -- such as Railbelt electric utilities, which burn the gas to generate most of their power. Hydropower would mean cheaper electricity in the long run, but the gas pipeline will mean cheaper heating fuel in the long run.

Which is the better option? Could the region support both projects? Those questions require speedy attention from the state. Other questions -- such as the impact on fish, risks from earthquakes and volcanic eruptions -- will need to be addressed too.

Chakachamna is everything the Susitna mega-hydro project wasn't. It is a relatively modest, affordable project with environmental impacts that, at least at this very preliminary stage, appear to be manageable. Having the Chakachamna project in the mix of possibilities is an exciting prospect for Alaska's energy future.

BOTTOM LINE: This \$1.75 billion project is a potentially attractive option that the state should help investigate.

A great leap

On a June morning in 1937, my father, Fabian, crawled out of his sleeping bag in the brush at the edge of Fairbanks. He was 20 and had just spent his first night in Interior Alaska. The trip from Minneapolis lasted a week.

I have often wondered what he thought as he folded up his bag. Was he anxious? A certain amount of courage was required to head north in 1937.

Fabian's grandfather and great-grandfather needed courage, too, more than a half century earlier when they left Denmark for the United States.

My family tree is filled with Irish names -- Carey, Sullivan, O'Sullivan, O'Keefe -- but there's also a Larsen branch. The Larsens were farmers in the old country and farmers in the new, at Ortonville, Minn., along the South Dakota border.

A popular history of Minnesota says Ortonville was laid out by C.K. Orton who "established a trading post with the Sioux Indians. As the settlers filtered into the country and took up homesteads, Ortonville began to flourish. ..."

The Larsens traveled by steamer from Copenhagen or Hamburg. I don't know where they landed. If they sailed from Hamburg perhaps they heard the ship's band play -- as ship's bands did in Hamburg -- "Must I Then, Must I Then, Leave My Native Town." Yes, they must -- Danish farmers struggled from year to year. Minnesota, they heard, would be better.

Yet what did the Larsens think the first morning they woke up in Ortonville? They had been traveling for days. They didn't speak the language. Their knowledge of American geography was so rudimentary it would be fair to say they didn't know where they were. It would be understandable if at day's end they watched the sun set over South Dakota and asked "What have I done?"

Nevertheless, they got up the next morning and commenced working, becoming in a generation middle-class citizens -- and city people, residents of Minneapolis.

My friend Jerome Lardy, who accompanied me to Ortonville a few years ago, liked to say "Michael, we have no idea where we are going in this universe. At least we'd like to know where we came from."

I came from people who leapt into the unknown -- and landed safely. My gratitude is no bookend to their courage. But gratitude is what I have to offer. I would not be here if they had not leapt.

-- Michael Carey

Letters to the editor (7/16/08)

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Use flatcars to haul commuters

Here's an idea to ponder regarding Valley commuters: What about ferrying cars on a railroad flatcar of some sort made especially for the task? That way commuters can have their cars in the city but take advantage of mass transit to and from the Valley.

I am not a Valley commuter, but I can see how simply taking a train into Anchorage to work presents some challenges with getting around once you're here, as well as those days when something may prevent you from getting back to the train on time to get home.

-- Pam Butcher

Anchorage

Alaska gas line may be best

Gov. Sarah Palin should be commended for her efforts to market our North Slope natural gas. Unfortunately, she now claims we have but two choices: TransCanada's or the producers' ever-retreating gas lines across Canada.

Nonsense. We have always had the more lucrative and environmentally preferred all-Alaska, state-owned, privately operated gas line and LNG export option through Valdez. Given the price of oil, we can pay for it in one year -- and pocket the trillions of dollars the gas will sell for in Asia.

If TransCanada turns out to be the best qualified, they can build and operate it for us. If you agree, call or e-mail your legislators today and tell them that's what you want.

-- Mike Macy

Anchorage

Used wind generators worth look

I am no expert on alternative energy. I am no expert on the Bush. I read in National Geographic that the largest wind resources in the world are on the Bering Sea coast and the Aleutians. I recently discovered that in California and other western states the first-generation turbines are being replaced with the new models (larger, more efficient). The old ones, still perfectly usable, are stacked like cordwood all over California. They are nearly giving them away. Has the state considered buying a bunch and installing them in energy-deprived Bush communities? If not, why not? I would think that a one-time investment in the tens of millions of dollars would provide cheap, renewable energy to the coastal Bush. Facing a crisis with no obvious solutions, recycled wind generators look pretty good to me. But I'm no expert.

-- Anthony J. Pippel

Palmer

Quit whining about little eyesores

Regarding "The good, the bad, the ugly" feature: I just find it funny and have to laugh a little when people in this town complain about an "ugly cement median" in the middle of a road, or a big rock on the side of a street near a brick wall, or a dumpster behind a building that you see for maybe, oh, three seconds as you drive by. Don't you yuppies have anything better to do than complain about eyesores in this town? Why don't you do something about it instead of just complain? But don't use my tax dollars, please. I'm not giving my money up just for some flowers for two months out of the year so you don't have to look at a box of dirt for one second while you drive by.

-- Ross R. Henderson

Anchorage

Small-dog owners must be alert

As an owner of two Maltese-poodle mixes, my heart goes out to Marelene Brannen, whose little Toby was killed by an attacking Rottweiler. In the last few months, my dogs have been charged three times by very large dogs while I have been walking them leashed in good residential areas. Fortunately, I always carry a small pepper spray just for this reason, and it is highly effective in stopping the charging dog.

Large dogs are attracted to small dogs as prey; it is instinct. I have owned small dogs most of my life, and I have experienced three serious attacks on my small leashed dogs by unleashed dogs attacking mine. One time the injuries were caused by the large dog "playing" with the little one. On two other occasions there were deep puncture wounds.

Please, dog owners, keep your dogs leashed. Small-dog owners, be on constant alert when walking your dog and always carry pepper spray to stop an attack.

-- Carol Winters

Eagle River

FAIRBANKS NEWS MINER

(Letters to the Editor/Opinion)

Welcome back

World Eskimo-Indian Olympics makes summer whole again

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July in Fairbanks just wasn't like a true July in Fairbanks last year.

Now that the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics is home again, beginning today at the Carlson Center, our Fairbanks summer is whole again.

The four-day event, now in its 48th year, has long been a staple of Fairbanks summers.

When the event moved to Anchorage last summer, locals who had attended the event year-after-year sorely missed the pageantry, browsing the rows of artisans' tables, the socialization and sitting down to watch those tests of strength that make spectators joints and muscles (and ears) ache in empathy.

Attending this event is a treat for the mind and senses more than a simple sporting event.

It runs on a schedule, but is somewhat leisurely. The evening sessions begin at 5 and are scheduled up to midnight, but it's not uncommon for things to run a little late.

It is to be attended with the mindset of soaking it all in, conversing with the people you meet and taking time to listen and understand what you're watching.

It involves gaining an appreciation of different cultures presented by everyone and everything from the Miss WEIO pageant contestants and dancers representing Haida, Tlingit, Tsimshian, Aleut and Athabascan cultures, to the artisans selling their crafts to the athletes performing tests of skill and strength.

The athletic contests can be show-stoppers, make no mistake.

Events ranging from the ear weight and ear pull competitions to knuckle-hop, high kicks and one-arm reach pull spectators into the drama of balance, endurance and sheer athletic skill.

Attending these games involves a broad range of experiences, and most everyone comes away with a different impression or memory from each day's events.

Those who missed the games last year are thrilled to have them back again this year, back in Fairbanks, back at home.

Kudos News-Miner

Chief Mitch Demientieff, Nenana

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To the editor:

I want to first of all congratulate the News-Miner for having the courage to make the decision to run the series regarding the John Hartman issue. I also know that Brian O'Donoghue with his teaching and organizing skills is responsible for this work. Having evaluated the work, it became self-evident the work of his students, and I am proud to witness that work because as great as Brian is in my mind, I know you young people did the grunt work and used well-researched information to make this series possible.

It is sad, but racism is alive and well in Alaska today, although it is different from years ago when there were "No Natives or Dogs Allowed" signs on businesses in Fairbanks. Now it is behind the back and through other refined means which do the same thing.

I fully respect the judicial branch of our government, have the confidence that justice will prevail and want to see the proper people brought before the court and the innocent freed.

Presumed innocent?

Dick L. Madsen, Fairbanks

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To the editor:

Congratulations on printing the well-written series on the Hartman murder case.

It was well balanced, non-judgmental and yet brought out the many doubts, misconceptions and the immediate focus on only the four defendants by the local police.

Before anyone writes a follow-up letter to you, I will unequivocally state that I have an obvious bias having represented Marvin Roberts since his arrest almost 11 years ago.

Maybe if I live long enough, I will see the day when Marvin will see some small measure of justice in his case. As of now, his slim hopes lie in the State Supreme Court or the state Parole Board.

Within two years, Marvin will be eligible for parole and normally would have an excellent chance given that he has no past criminal record.

However, parole is granted only to those who readily admit their guilt.

I met with him last May and feel confident that he will never admit to something he did not do, even if it could mean his freedom.

Although I have retired after practicing criminal law for nearly 40 years, I continue to represent Marvin Roberts, who is my only remaining client.

In that period of time, I have never seen a case involving two or more defendants when at least one did not testify for the state in order to receive a lesser sentence. This has not happened even though it would put an end to all the doubts and speculation. Very strange indeed.

In the meantime, it is very unlikely that anyone will magically appear to say what happened in October 1997. Roberts may well remain in prison for something he didn't do because one person claimed to have seen something that was impossible to see, perjury was likely committed, a jury violated its oath and a court system could not seem to do the right thing.

Presumed innocent? Not in this case.

Equal opportunity

Zuzanna Bobinski, North Pole

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July 15, 2008

To the editor:

I would like to thank Backyard Amusements for participating in the success of our organization's annual picnic in 2007.

As we were organizing our picnic for this year's event at Pioneer Park, we were saddened to learn that the borough rejected Backyard Amusements' participation in any more private parties in the park. This is truly unfortunate; more than 30 children attended last year's picnic and will miss Backyard Amusements' services this year.

I was also surprised to hear that the Midnight Sun Street Fair had an Anchorage company have its backyard amusement attend instead of having a local company at the Fairbanks street fair.

JUNEAU EMPIRE

(Letters to the Editor/Opinion)

My turn: Sealaska should receive promised acres

The recent Associated Press article about Sealaska's efforts to achieve final land entitlement under the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is misleading.

The story implies that through federal legislation, Sealaska will receive more land than it is allowed under ANCSA and fails to consider the environmental benefits from passage of this legislative amendment.

Under the proposed amendment to ANCSA, Sealaska would receive only the acres that we are entitled to receive as promised by ANCSA - not a single acre more. Further, the legislation provides greater protection of old growth timber and a net increase in federally designated roadless areas, which has been a national priority for many conservation organizations.

While ANCSA promised Sealaska up to 375,000 acres of our ancestral homelands - a small fraction of the areas historically occupied by our tribal ancestors - we own just 290,000 of those promised acres, by far the smallest share of any Alaska Native Regional Corporation.

No other ANCSA Regional Corporation was as restricted in where their land selections could come from, which is a result of the strong control the now-defunct pulp mills once had on the Tongass.

Sealaska is currently required to select its remaining lands from federally designated "withdrawal" areas.

The proposed legislation would authorize the selection of our remaining ANCSA land entitlement from lands currently outside of the designated withdrawal areas, within Southeast Alaska and from lands generally set aside for commercial timber harvest. There would be a substantial net gain of roadless acreage in the Tongass National Forest, a public benefit.

In our Native language we call the proposed legislation Haa Aaní, simply "Our Land." The official name of the amendment is HR 3560, the "Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act."

Under the amendment, Sealaska would select 3,600 acres for traditional Native sacred cultural and historic sites. An additional 5,000 acres of the entitlement would be for 47 sites that could be developed for light-footprint ecotourism projects. Combined, these sites would be off-limits to commercial timber harvest or mineral development.

The remaining acres would come from nine parcels of largely roaded, second-growth forest lands currently managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Sealaska has been working with Southeast stakeholders over the last decade to create this proposal. It is a manifestation of our commitment to sustaining our Native culture and economies, something we call Haa Shagóon - Our Past, Our Present, Our Future. It is our never-ending work to balance our heritage and culture; our natural resources and environment; and our economy and jobs.

It is our goal to meet the needs of local citizens, Sealaska tribal member shareholders and all Alaska Natives. Sealaska has conducted nearly 150 meetings with stakeholders of every persuasion and actively participates in the Tongass Futures Roundtable, a diverse group of people who reside in or treasure the values of Southeast Alaska. It is this critical process that has informed the legislation and we will continue this effort - Haa Aaní is still a work in progress.

The benefits of the proposed amendments are significant. Sealaska is currently one of the southeast region's largest private employers. The amendment will enable Sealaska to continue to be a significant provider of jobs that positively impact many of the Southeast Alaska communities. The benefits reach beyond just Southeast Alaska.

The ANCSA Section 7(i) revenue sharing provisions with the other ANCSA regional corporations ultimately benefit more than 80,000 tribal member shareholders.

With Haa Aaní, the federal government will fulfill its promise to Sealaska. At the same time, Sealaska will focus on its goals of perpetuating Native culture, serving the economic and social needs of its tribal member shareholders, and securing ownership of lands of great cultural and historic significance to the Native people of Southeast Alaska.

Outside editorial: Taking advice from an oil man

As legendary oil investor T. Boone Pickens tells the story, Republican Bob Dole wanted him to head up his 1996 presidential campaign in Texas. In return, Pickens wanted to be Dole's chief adviser on energy policy.

Dole listened. And Dole advised Pickens on political reality:

Right there, on the floor, that's a sleeping dog. Politicians don't kick sleeping dogs. Bill Clinton doesn't give a damn about energy and I don't either. We're not either one of

us gonna kick a sleeping dog and so energy will not be an issue in this campaign.

But in case one of us stumbles over the dog, and if one of us has a problem, you will be the guy who advises me.

"Neither one of them," Pickens said, "had a problem with energy. ... They didn't want anything to do with it."

And that, he said, sums up why the United States has stood by and watched its addiction to oil grow for decades.

Why would Dole or Clinton have cared? The price of oil struggled to crack \$20 a barrel in 1996 and a gallon of gas sold for about \$1.50.

Now gas is over \$4 a gallon and Pickens isn't waiting for the government to come up with an answer. He has devised his own plan to help the U.S. reduce its dependence on foreign oil - and he's putting money behind it.

In a visit to the Chicago Tribune editorial board last week, Pickens used an easel and a green marker to draw a picture of a country in crisis - and in denial. Net oil imports needed to meet daily demand have nearly doubled in the past 35 years, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, to nearly 60 percent from 35 percent. That's \$700 billion a year draining out of the country.

"This is very close to war for this country," said Pickens.

He proposes replacing the 22 percent of electricity the nation gets from natural gas with wind energy. That would free up that natural gas to become an alternative fuel for cars. He says cars running on natural gas could cover 38 percent of U.S. transportation needs.

Pickens is on to something here. Dependence on foreign oil is creating a drag on the U.S. economy and puts the nation in a strategically vulnerable position.

With gasoline this expensive and the U.S. economy teetering, John McCain and Barack Obama aren't talking about sleeping dogs. They're talking energy alternatives. McCain is pushing to build 45 new nuclear plants - and wants to offer a \$300 million prize for a better car battery. Obama wants the government to invest \$150 billion over a decade in new energy sources.

The Pickens proposal should be part of this mix.

Natural gas has a lot going for it. There's plenty of it here. It's a clean fuel; it doesn't contribute to greenhouse gases. It doesn't poach on the nation's food supply, as

corn-based ethanol does.

There are a lot of moving parts to his plan. A large number of wind turbines would have to be built on a broad swath of the Great Plains from Canada to Mexico. (Price tag? About \$1 trillion. Pickens is an investor in wind energy.) A distribution system for the wind power would have to be built. (Estimated cost, \$70 billion.) U.S. automakers would have to make a commitment to selling cars powered by natural gas.

Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., says he plans to push legislation to encourage automakers to sell natural gas cars here. The technology is available. European markets have shown strong demand for such cars.

These are intriguing ideas. They carry some risk: boosting demand for natural gas cars would hike the price for natural gas if supplies don't rise or if the wind alternative doesn't materialize. But wind, too, is plentiful. These ideas would boost rural economies. And they would help the U.S. halt the disastrous upward trajectory of oil imports.

There are plenty of other ideas. Let's work on clean coal technology. Coal still produces half our electricity - and will for years to come. We need a lot more nuclear power. Conservation efforts? Yes, absolutely.

Swap wind power for natural gas vehicle fuel? Let's see Obama and McCain put that on the table.

The American generation gap transcends race

It was the whisper heard round the world. And even now, no one seems quite certain what that whisper means.

Here was the aging lion Jesse Jackson, sitting in a TV studio, waiting to appear on Fox, forgetting the cardinal rule of TV studios: Always assume the mic is on.

Dissing the young cub Barack Obama in a crude and anatomical way. Beyond the obvious admonition - "Shut up around microphones!" - there's such rich texture here.

It's the story of one generation reluctantly giving way to another - half-supportive, half-suspicious of how the new folks will honor the past. There's fear of irrelevance, fear of mortality, fear the new ones will arrive in the promised land and forget who helped to get them there. It's a classic generational narrative, not limited to African-Americans, but as deeply steeped in that tradition as anywhere.

There's a huge new study out commissioned by the media company Radio One that shines a fascinating light on the complex nuances of black America. The data add a "yes, but" to almost any presumption you might have.

Most blacks say they still struggle with discrimination. Seventy-two percent believe it's important to teach their children to deal with prejudice. But African-Americans aren't nearly as dejected by that as some racial theorists would proclaim.

Seventy percent have a plan for the future. Fifty-four percent are optimistic about what's coming next. Sixty percent believe "things are getting better for me." At a time of general blah in America, these numbers come as pleasant surprise.

Yet whatever you say about black Americans, there's almost always a caveat. Even a phrase like "the black community" doesn't mean any one thing. In fact, its members can't even agree on what they want to be called these days: 42 percent say "black," 44 percent say "African-American."

All of which is to say, at the moment of hope and apprehension, as a torch is passed uneasily from one generation to the next: Be suspicious of all the old stereotypes.

The mics are staying open. The answers will remain complex.

Lisianski Inlet land hustle is wrong

At the Pelican City Council meeting on July 8, I listened with dismay to a teleconference with the U.S. Forest Service Ranger in Hoonah. The basic point conveyed to the residents of Pelican was that discussions were taking place between the forest service and Shee Atika representatives about exchanging Shee Atika land on Admiralty Island at Cube Cove for approximately one third of Yakobi Island and a portion of Chichagof Island across from Pelican.

Should this occur, all the now-public land on the selected areas in Lisianski Inlet would become the private property of Shee Atika Inc.

The Cube Cove land was selected by Shee Atika in the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; it has been logged by the corporation. The Lisianski land is adjacent to the West Chichagof-Yakobi Island Wilderness Area and is relatively undeveloped land. The Apex-El Nido gold mine across from Pelican went out of production in the late 1930s, and no structures remain standing.

The Chichagof selected land stretches from the waterfall on the inlet across from Pelican westward around into Lisianski Straits to a point approximately two-and-a-half miles past Stag Bay. The Yakobi Island selection reaches from Soapstone Cove at the mouth of Lisianski Inlet to Miner Island and the down the Lisianski Straits to a point approximately two miles past Stag Bay.

The forest service is interested in the exchange, because it would make Admiralty Island National Monument "more whole." Evidently, they overlook current settlements at Greens Creek Mine, Funter Bay, city of Angoon, and Pybus Bay Lodge.

I strongly object to this exchange; quite frankly Shee Atika made its selection and it should keep its land. Shee Atika has utilized its land by harvesting the trees; it makes no sense to trade that land for public land of great value.

The Lisianski land in question is regularly used by residents of Pelican, Juneau, Hoonah, Sitka and elsewhere for deer hunting and other subsistence and recreational purposes. The proposed land exchange would remove more than half of the best hunting areas from public access. Rather than make the Admiralty National Monument "more whole" at the expense of some other area, let us keep ANSCA whole by adhering to the original terms; a deal is a deal. I will be writing to Forest Cole, forest service supervisor in Ketchikan, regarding this subject as well as every politician that may influence him. I encourage others to do the same.

Norm Carson

President, Pelican Chamber of Commerce

Pelican

Wearing a bike helmet matters

Monday morning I received a not-so-subtle reminder about the importance of wearing a bike helmet, even on short trips without much traffic.

A car slowed and motioned me to turn in front of it onto Lake Street from Etolin Way, just as another cyclist was pedaling by in the next lane. As I turned left onto Lake, I looked back to make sure the car was staying stopped and I wasn't going to veer into the path of the other cyclist. Somehow I accidentally squeezed my left (front) brake handle, and when the brakes grabbed my momentum threw me headfirst over the handlebars.

The other cyclist stopped to see if I was OK, and he said it looked like I landed right on my helmet. I have road rash and bruises on the palms of both hands, my right knee and left inner thigh (and I tore a pair of pants). But I have no damage to my head, not even a scratch. The brain bucket worked, likely saving me from a concussion or worse fate.

If you're a cyclist, please learn from my little incident that you should always wear your helmet, including on short trips. Even the most experienced cyclists can take a tumble (I'm not an expert, but I've been commuting by bike off and on since gas cost less than \$1 a gallon). I was only a block from my apartment, and on clear pavement with no rain or gravel to make it slick.

If you're a parent and your kids ride a bike, skateboard, scooter, in-line skates or similar vehicle, please be aware there is a Sitka helmet ordinance that requires helmet use for anyone younger than 18 years old (Chapter 11.70.010 of the Sitka General Code, www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/ipems/injury_prevention/helmetSafety/bicycle/legislation.htm). I've seen a lot more kids riding without helmets, and parents need to be aware they (the parents) can be fined if their child is stopped by police for not wearing a helmet.

Charles Bingham

Sitka

OTHER OP-EDs

(Letters to the Editor/Opinion)

Ketchikan Daily News

Ready, set, register

Everyone knows about the presidential race - the one that seems to have been going on since Moses was in short pants - that's to be decided in our nation's general election in November.

It's been exciting, no doubt about it, and as voters we can hardly wait to participate. A

whole lot of new voters has become engaged in the process this time, people who haven't been interested enough (or old enough) to vote previously.

But there's something to do even before casting those historic ballots in November. And that's register to vote, in order to participate in Alaska's Aug. 26 primary.

It could be tempting to look only at the general election as the big enchilada, so to speak, and not worry about the primary.

But in Alaska, that's not a very good idea.

Two years ago, a sitting governor with decades of experience in the U.S. Senate was ousted - in the primary.

This primary season there will be plenty of names on the ballot, with a dozen candidates for the U.S. Senate seat alone. The best-known name there, of course, is incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Stevens, who is being opposed by Michael Corey, David Cuddy, Jerry Heikes, Rick Sikma, Vic Vickers and Rich Wanda, all seeking the GOP's nod.

It doesn't end there. The Democratic front-runner, Anchorage mayor Mark Begich, isn't the only Democrat on the ballot, either. Ray Metcalfe and Frank Vondersaar want to be that party's standard-bearer.

Other Senate primary candidates are Bob Bird, Alaskan Independence Party, and David Haase, Libertarian.

Alaska Congressman Don Young won't be getting a free ride back to the U.S. House of Representatives, either. Other Republicans who want his job are Gabrielle LeDoux and Sean Parnell. The Democrats are having a dust-up, too, with Diane Benson and Ethan Berkowitz seeking the House nomination in August.

Don Wright is the only Alaskan Independence candidate on the Alaska U.S. House ballot.

But we don't get to vote for (or against!) any of them without being registered to vote.

The deadline to register in time for the primary is July 27, and that's less than two weeks away. That's also the deadline for changing your registration, if you want to switch parties, or if you've moved, according to the state Division of Elections.

You can register to vote at municipal clerks' offices, the Division of Motor Vehicles and the library. Applications also are available online at www.elections.alaska.gov. The division accepts applications in person, of course, but also by mail or fax.

You may register after July 27, but then it will be too late to vote in the primary. And the Division warns that your party affiliation as of July 27 will determine which party ballot you'll be eligible to vote in the primary.

So don't delay; register now. It really is an exciting year for elections; don't be left out.

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [randall.ruaro@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 11:01 AM
To: Reeves; John M (DOT)
Cc: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'; Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: FW: Interactive Map Info.
John:

DNR has some extensive mapping abilities and some are available electronically on the web. The maps should show the boundaries and the title that land is held in, such as federal, state, local, ANCSA, etc., and existing infrastructure, such as pipelines, roads, airports, etc., A user guide and links to the maps is attached. I did not mention to anyone at DNR why I needed this information.

If DNR's DGGS division can create a map of known large projects that could be developed, (mining, oil and gas reserves and pipelines (small) and large renewable energy projects), we could overlay the two maps, see where projects are located, know who owns the land the projects are on, and where the project is in relation to existing infrastructure.

At that point, we could start doing some analysis of feasibility, rough cost estimates, positive economic impact, likelihood of stalling out due to environmental lawsuits, what infrastructure would need to be built to get the projects moving, and ranking the projects.

This list could then be discussed by the commissioners and staff of DNR, DOT, Revenue, Labor, and OMB and ultimately, we could provide recommendations to the Governor.

I am also mailing 2 wall size maps showing land ownership. Call me if you have questions.

Randy

From: Angaiak, Mary A (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 10:31 AM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Lesh, Melanie G (DNR)
Subject: Interactive Map Info.

Hi Mr. Ruaro,

I have attached a quick tip user's sheet so that you may use the mapping software programs faster and easier. If you have anymore questions please let me know. It was very nice to meet you and have a nice day.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 11:39 AM

To: 'beating the odds'

Subject: RE: NFL Agent Leigh Steinberg Invitation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: beating the odds [mailto:rocco@beatingtheodds.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 9:34 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: NFL Agent Leigh Steinberg Invitation

July 16, 2008

Dear Governor Palin:

Last year, in partnership with the Beating the Odds Foundation, Leigh Steinberg the real life inspiration of the sports agent from the film Jerry Maguire, created the Leigh Steinberg Beating the Odds Quarterback Club (Quarterback Club). The Quarterback Club consists of "quarterbacks of life," whose stories help students realize their dreams, set goals to reach those dreams, and overcome the challenges of life.

Governors, superintendents, principals, teachers and high school students across America are being invited to join the National Quarterbacks of Life Team and become role models to elementary students. The Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program works with students beginning in the fourth grade.

The Quarterback Club would like to invite you to present a message to the elementary students of your state on the power of dreams, goals, overcoming the challenges of life, and the importance of developing a never give up attitude.

Please visit www.beatingtheodds.org and click on Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program under programs to see the Governor of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania's Secretary of Education's comments.

The internet is powerful. And we are developing technology that will allow us to reach kids, parents, teachers, counselors and mentors across America.

This technology will enable Beating the Odds Foundation to deliver crucial curriculum to teachers and mentors. Curriculum that includes Quarterbacks of Life success stories. Curriculum that will provide children with the life skills needed to realize their dreams, and have a better shot at living meaningful, safe and productive lives.

A technology with the sole focus on creating leaders out of millions of today's youths.

This program will be available in September of 2008.

This program aims to:

- connect students with mentors and role models

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- teach students skills they need to tackle the challenges of life
- help shape the development of America's youth and the leaders of tomorrow

Dr. John C. Worzbyt is the author of the Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program curriculum. Dr. Worzbyt has worked with the Beating the Odds Foundation since its beginning, developing the curriculums used by the Foundation for its school programs.

I look forward to hearing. The Quarterbacks of Life would be honored to have you join our team. Your personal message and story will help our youth reach their full potential in life.

Sincerely,

Rocco Scalzi

Founder

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 2:31 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Statement

Audie statement forthcoming:

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From: M Nizich
To: Sarah's Personal Email
Sent: Jul 16, 2008 2:26 PM
Subject: Statement

Chuck will be getting the office a statement from Audie in the next 15 minutes.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 7:58 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Hanson; Britta L (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: Map

Hi Rhonda:

If you get a chance tomorrow let's look at the Alaska map by Britta's desk so we can strategize on where we need to have a presence and I can study up on the local issues in areas I should be visiting. Rosanne also, as our public outreach broadens in areas I've yet to visit. We may get a chance to access the King Air next month, that could make for some convenient travel.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 6:21 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: letter

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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)
Sent: Wed Jul 16 17:45:45 2008
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To: 'tarbox@ptialaska.net'
Cc: Chenault, Mike (LAA); Wagoner, Tom (LAA); 'Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us'; Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Seaton, Paul (LAA); 'edfelt@gci.net'; Marcotte, Jim R (DFG); Hilsinger, John R (DFG); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Stevens, Gary L (LAA); Swanton, Charles O (DFG)
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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
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To: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: RE: TEST-PR 08-119 Governor Palin Releases Statement 071708

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To: Kris Perry; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow
Cc: Mike Nizich; Sarah Palin
Subject: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

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Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2008 13:06:20 -0400
To: Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Joseph Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Russ Kelly<rkelly@ALASKADC.org>
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 4:33 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Notti; Emil R (CED); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Subject: Fw: Congressman Hall anwr
Just fyi- another ANWR idea we're supporting: (see below)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 12:30:01 +0000
To: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Rosanne Hughes<rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
CC: Kate Morgan<kate.morgan@alaska.gov>; K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Marty Rutherford<marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>
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Fyi- congressman hall from texas is introducing a bill that would transfer ownership of ANWR from the feds to the state. I'm on record supporting the idea and his bill. It may be an interesting subject for alaskans to hear about. I've promised expedited development if the transfer were ever to take place.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
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I got a nice thank you from Congressman Hall's staffer. = So, I don't think we need to do anything further at the moment. =

For your information, pasted below is a statement from the House = Republican Leader concerning NPR-A. I think he's right-on.

Blunt: BLM Decision on NPR-A Good News = for Americans, Bad News for Democrats Who Tried to Block Leases in '07

WASHINGTON - House Republican = Whip Roy Blunt (Mo.) issued the following statement today applauding news = from the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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indicating = the agency will soon be conducting a lease sale in the northeast corner of = the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), with an eye on developing = oil and natural gas resources for the American people:

"Today's announcement from BLM = should serve to remind Democratic leaders that NPR-A is already open for = energy production, is already in the process of being leased for energy = development, and has otherwise been explored for more than a generation. = But similar to how Democrats brought forth their 'Use It or Lose It' bill = without knowing it was already the law of the land, today we're reminded = that the majority's efforts to 'unlock' NPR-A are about as necessary as = passing a bill ordering the sun to rise.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:38 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: [Privileged or Personal Ma]; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule

There was also an adn interview today - approx 4pm.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: [Privileged or Personal Ma] <[Privileged or Personal Ma]>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:36:32 2008
Subject: Re: Schedule

Thank you - I will get this right on your calendar. Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: [Privileged or Personal Ma] <[Privileged or Personal Ma]>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:31:37 2008
Subject: Schedule

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And tomorrow morning I'll do KWHL.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:05 PM
To: fek9wnr@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: PR 08-122 Governor Palin Releases Statement 071708

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From: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored) <erin.burkert@alaska.gov>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 19:10:15 2008
Subject: PR 08-122 Governor Palin Releases Statement 071708

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
No. 08-122

Governor Palin Releases Statement

July 17, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today released the following statement regarding allegations that she acted improperly.

"As governor, I expect a certain amount of criticism. When I took the oath of office, I even encouraged Alaskans to ask me questions, to hold me accountable. But some critics have taken this to ridiculous extremes that threaten to distract from the vital business currently facing the state and its residents.

"To allege that I, or any member of my family, requested, received or released confidential personnel information on an Alaska State Trooper, or directed disciplinary action be taken against any employee of the Department of Public Safety, is, quite simply, outrageous. Any information regarding personnel records came from the trooper himself. I question the timing of these false allegations. It is unfortunate, as we seek to address a growing energy crisis in this state, that this matter has been raised now.

"I do not interfere with the day-to-day operations of any department. Former Commissioner Monegan was not released due to any actions or inaction related to personnel issues in his department. We had hoped the former commissioner would have stayed in state service to help fight alcohol-related crime. We offered him the position of executive director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board and, unfortunately, he turned it down.

"I have and will continue to support our line troopers. They have my utmost respect. Since taking office, I have proposed to the legislature millions of dollars in budget increases for more troopers, equipment and training. My administration just completed contract negotiations providing increased wages and other benefits.

"Nothing will distract me from improving public safety. Commissioner Kopp shares my

vision for filling vacant positions and reducing crime across the state.

"The Department of Public Safety is a professional organization. We have good men and women protecting our families. Troopers are our first line of defense and will always have my full support."

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:59 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
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Subject: Troopers

How many vacant trooper positions remain, still 50?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:42 PM
To: Cockrell; Robert A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Morning meeting

Gotcha.

By the way, we just looked into my sister's divorce court records- it's confirmed there that neither the Palin or Heath family ever filed even a single complaint against Trooper Wooten. And that it was four days ago that Wooten refused to return kids over after a visitation, his sargeant had to call him to tell him to obey the court order, so he returned the kids with this threat: "Get ready for the show. I will bring you and your family down". Then, four days later he riles up the union and they hold the press conference. (Which is proof that Walt's dismissal had nothing to do with Trooper Wooten. Wooten orchestrated all this today.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Cockrell
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Jul 17, 2008 9:24 PM
Subject: Re: Morning meeting

Sounds good to me, I get up at 5:30,
Will wait for your e-mail, thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Cockrell, Robert A (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 21:16:53 2008
Subject: Re: Morning meeting

If I can sneak away from Trig at that time... how about I email you as early as possible tomorrow, before I'd leave for Anchorage?

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Cockrell
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Jul 17, 2008 9:12 PM
Subject: Morning meeting

Governor are you going to 7:30am

Meeting? thanks Bob.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:27 PM
To: Frank Bailey; K Perry Yahoo; Todd; Ivy personal; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Kel personal
Subject: Re: Wooten

Proof that today's PSEA/Wooten presser had nothing to do with Walt's dismissal: on Sunday, Wooten refused to follow court order to hand the kids over to Molly after his visitation. One of Wooten's sergeants had to call him and tell him he must obey the court order. He handed over the kids and promised Molly, "Get ready for a show. I'm going to bring you and your family down". From there he riled up the union and then had the press conf. I just found this out tonight.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 04:37:21

To: Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>;
Todd<fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal<ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; Sharon
Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Wooten

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:07 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Wooten

Please call Matt Simon at 274 1111. He is expecting your call.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 21:02:49 2008
Subject: Re: Wooten

Guess so

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Leighow
To: Sarah's Personal Email
Sent: Jul 17, 2008 8:59 PM
Subject: Re: Wooten

Governor-

Do you want to do a phoner with channel 11 tonight?

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To: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:53 PM
To: mpk@acumenhealthcare.com
Subject: RE: Energy

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From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 12:04 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Energy

Web mail from: Mr. Michael

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:47 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Troopers

Thank you

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 06:28:59 -0800
To: ExternalEmailgsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)<ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Troopers

Governor:

On July 3rd, 2008, the OMB analyst sent me an e-mail stating that there were 395 trooper positions authorized in the budget. (284 troopers, 10 corporals, 65 sergeants, 23 lieutenants, 10 captains and 3 majors).

As of June 30, 2008, the payroll system showed 56 of these positions as vacant. (49 trooper positions, 2 corporal positions, 1 sergeant, 3 lieutenants, and 1 captain)

The OMB analyst noted the numbers would change if there were new hires or retirements that had not had their paperwork processed yet through Personnel.

Randy

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 2:26 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Melanie Orr
address: 400 S. Josee Circle Wasilla AK 99654
907-351-8873

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Thank you for working so hard for Alaska. I can't imagine how tough your job must be and how hard you must work for your state. You must have a wonderfully dedicated staff as well. It is an honor to live in this beautiful place and to have such a tireless advocate such as yourself to represent us. I hope you receive many thanks from Alaskans every day. Keep up the good work and thanks again for all your contributions to this amazing state. God Bless you, Governor Palin.

gretadog6@gmail.com

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Wooten
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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 3:58 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: New NCOILetter Now Available
Importance: High

From: Candace Thorson [mailto:CThorson@nolan-associates.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 2:38 PM
Subject: New NCOILetter Now Available
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NCOILETTER Now Available

The July edition of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) monthly newsletter, the NCOILetter, is now available by clicking on www.ncoil.org.
Articles in this month's edition include:

- NCOIL Marshalls State Officials Against Preemptive Federal Insurance Bill
- Bond-Rating Bill Would Level Playing Field, Open Door for New Regulation
- Point-Counterpoint on H.R. 5840: the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) and the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI)
- Physician Medicare Reimbursements on Life Support
- View from the Hill: States Should Watch for "OFC-Lite"

Please contact the NCOIL National Office at 518-687-0178 should you have any questions.

NCOIL is an organization of state legislators whose main area of public policy concern is insurance legislation and regulation. Many legislators active in NCOIL either chair or are members of the committees responsible for insurance legislation in their respective state houses across the country.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:32 AM
To: miktolva@cosmichamlet.net
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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 10:58 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mimi Tolva
address: Box 2117 Homer AK 99603

MESSAGE:

Hi, Governor;

I just want to let you know that I think you are doing a wonderful job. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the complicated issues we are facing as a state, and as a nation. Keep up the good work! Mimi Tolva

miktolva@cosmichamlet.net

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 7:54 AM
To: Katz, John W (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Committee List release

----- Original Message -----

From: Omear, Jodi <JOmear@NGA.ORG>

To: Omear, Jodi <JOmear@NGA.ORG>; Rohanna, Douglas <drohanna@state.pa.us>; Jeanine L'Ecuyer <JLecuyer@az.gov>; Gibbs, Jason <Jason.Gibbs@state.vt.us>; Teilhet, Heather <HTeilhet@gov.state.ga.us>; Corcoran, Nicole [GO] <Nicole.Corcoran@ks.gov>; Bundy, Seth [GO] <Seth.Bundy@ks.gov>; Brian McClung <Brian.Mcclung@state.mn.us>; Sherri Johnson <Sherri.Johnson@ncmail.net>; dcanton@nd.gov <dcanton@nd.gov>; Lisa Roskelley <LROSKELEY@utah.gov>; deborah.howlett@gov.state.nj.us <deborah.howlett@gov.state.nj.us>; Mitch.Krebs@state.sd.us <Mitch.Krebs@state.sd.us>; jennifer.hein@nebraska.gov <jennifer.hein@nebraska.gov>; Skinner, Delacey <Delacey.Skinner@governor.virginia.gov>; Elizabeth Boyd <BoydE@michigan.gov>; christopher.cooper@ct.gov <christopher.cooper@ct.gov>; Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); mary.leschper@gov.state.ak.us <mary.leschper@gov.state.ak.us>; Elliott, Sarah <sellriott@mt.gov>

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Sent: Thu Jul 17 06:37:39 2008

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

Will do, Governor.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 07:46:45 2008
Subject: Fw: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

R- can the bio be updated to reflect this chairmanship? Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 11:18:51 -0400
To: Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
CC: Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

I haven't seen a press release from NGA, but = the attached list of Committees states that Governor Palin is Chair of the = Natural Resources Committee.

I'm thinking that, with all of the members of = Congress coming to Alaska, a press release concerning the Governor's = appointment might be a good stroke. So, you or Sharon might want to = coordinate this with NGA's press office.

John W. = Katz

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jwkatz@alaskadc.org@talk.nga.org&= gt;; "Moore, Tess" <TMoore@NGA.ORG> wrote:

Please find attached the 2008-2009 Committee = List.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 6:27 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Tillery; Craig J (LAW); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Banks; Kevin R (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: House Democrats/Energy Bill

Got it thanks so much. This should be helpful as we go into that press conf today w Congressional challengers.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 6:26 AM
To: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Subject: Fw: House Democrats/Energy Bill

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:41 PM
To: Todd; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Fw: letters re: Public Safety

Importance: High

Here's ideas for sharon too: (excellent pts in his letter about Walt's actions):

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:57:12 -0700 (PDT)
To: Philly <philly@xmission.com>
Subject: Re: letters re: Public Safety

Buddy you are just awesome.

Thanks for always being willing to speak up in these situations.

Thanks so much Phil!!

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--- On Thu, 7/17/08, Philly <philly@xmission.com> wrote:

From: Philly <philly@xmission.com>
Subject: Re: letters re: Public Safety
To: ivyfyre@yahoo.com, "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, July 17, 2008, 8:18 AM

Ivy,

I am sending this in momentarily.

One important job for governor is the appointment of a cabinet. Surrounding yourself with good people with a common vision isn't always easy. The Governor's Decision to appoint Commissioner Kopp is the right decision and it's her decision. No one likes to get fired or do the firing. I'm certain that it would have been much easier to stick with what's been "working," or stick with the status quo. In all of this, Commissioner Monegan was given a respectful alternative. He chose to get publically upset.

It takes a smart leader to understand and communicate a common vision for Alaska. It takes a tough leader to act on that vision. Governor Palin also keenly understands that inaction rarely leads to growth or improvement. She is trying to make our government more transparent and efficient by taking some action.

Those who call for an "explanation" to this change ought to know that discussing personnel decisions can unnecessarily compromise laws and reputations.

I imagine it would have been much easier for the Governor to work within established bureaucratic norms by retaining Commissioner Monegan. I look forward to a leaner and stronger public safety sector under new direction. To a man who came up from the ranks, good luck in your new position Commissioner Kopp.

Phil Schneider

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:41 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: NGA presser for your review
Great thanks it's ready to go

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:41:27 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
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Governor Palin to Chair NGA Natural Resources Committee

July 17, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin this week was named Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA) Natural Resources Committee. Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer will serve as vice chair. The announcement came as the NGA wrapped up its 100th annual meeting in Philadelphia.

"I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with Governor Schweitzer on issues of energy, environment and natural resources," said Governor Palin. "Alaska's potential to continue providing a safe, secure, and domestic source of energy is great. I look forward to addressing the growing energy challenges with the rest of the nation's governors."

The NGA Natural Resources Committee is charged with pursuing legislation to make sure state needs are considered as federal policy is formulated in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental protection and natural resource management.

Founded in 1908, the NGA is the collective voice of the nation's governors and is one of Washington, D.C.'s, most respected public-policy organizations. NGA provides governors with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before the administration to developing policy reports on innovative state programs.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:36 PM
To: Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: Re: Committee List release
 R- did a presser go out on this?

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From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 07:53:50 -0800
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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 5:50 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Military and dps

Will do.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 05:04:28 2008
Subject: Military and dps

Would you check w Comm dept today to see if they do this presser? Rosanne would probably enjoy such a thing bc it's military-related:

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:01:17 +0000
To: Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
CC: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Rosanne Hughes<rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressman Hall anwr

You know, that's something Kopp could come right out of the shoot with, even in a presser: filling the long-vacant positions w efforts to recruit our returning military personnel. Lots of these soldiers don't know what to do next as their deployments conclude... we may need them. Pls mention this to him, that we need very vocal and visual DPS initiatives rolled out for Alaskans so they'll know the purpose in all this transition is for action in serving the public.

Rolling out such a promise, Sharon and Rosanne could help because we got a good supportive statement from Col. Holloway re: Kopp and "moving forward"... we could incorporate that statement with any from Gen. Campbell also. (So not just Natl Guard, but military in general.)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 12:54:30 +0000
To: Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressman Hall anwr

Great. And hopefully I'll see you today in between our events and issues. Great for you to work w Kopp on natl guardsmen/women and those local bootlegging laws. Thank you

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 04:53:21 -0800
To: ExternalEmailgsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Congressman Hall anwr

Thanks Governor. It's an interesting approach that I like. Plus, we don't even need the whole 19 million acre reserve, just 2,000 acres where the oil is and enough to get it out of the reserve. Amazing that democrats in Congress will call for steps like not adding small amounts of oil to the strategic reserve and tout that as helpful to the energy crisis but then complain the million barrels a day in oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas in ANWR isn't enough to help the nation.

I'll be in Anchorage today and tomorrow meeting with Chuck Kopp to discuss steps we can take on crime in rural Alaska and improving recruiting etc. There are several things Walt didn't really seem to work hard on or want to do, like recruiting from returning National Guard and military, or finding ways to improve our local option laws and cracking down on bootlegging that could be helpful. I will pass these ideas on to Chuck and mention the recruiting ideas to Joe Schmidt for DOC to consider.

Randy

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thu 7/17/2008 4:37 AM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey

Subject: Fw: Congressman Hall anwr

Just fyi, another anwr idea we support:

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Subject: Fw: Congressman Hall anwr

Fyi- congressman hall from texas is introducing a bill that would transfer ownership of ANWR from the feds to the state. I'm on record supporting the idea and his bill. It may be an interesting subject for alaskans to hear about. I've promised expedited development if the transfer were ever to take place.

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"I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with Governor Schweitzer on issues of energy, environment and natural resources," said Governor Palin. "Alaska's potential to continue providing a safe, secure and domestic source of energy is great. I look forward to addressing the growing energy challenges with the rest of the nation's governors."

The NGA Natural Resources Committee is charged with pursuing legislation to make sure state needs are considered as federal policy is formulated in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental protection and natural resource management.

Founded in 1908, the NGA is the collective voice of the nation's governors and is one of Washington, D.C.'s most respected public-policy organizations. NGA provides governors with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before the administration to developing policy reports on innovative state programs.

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Subject: House Democrats/Energy Bill
Attachments: NPR_002_xml.pdf

Recognizing that you will soon be meeting with a number of House Republicans and Republican challengers, I have briefly analyzed below the latest energy proposal by House Democrats.

This legislation, which was not available until this morning, will be voted on today in the House on the suspension calendar. The suspension calendar requires a 2/3rds vote for passage, and no amendments are allowed. So, the Republican energy package, which includes ANWR, will not be considered.

There is virtually no chance that the Democrats' proposal will become law. However, because Alaska is prominently featured, and because there will be much rhetoric and press coverage, I have reviewed the bill, which is attached.

- NPR-A-leasing and pipeline construction - seeks to expedite leasing and the construction of necessary pipelines. There appears to be nothing new here. The BLM is proceeding expeditiously with a leasing program, and I'm sure that pipeline construction will be expedited as necessary.
- Alaska gas pipeline coordination - makes the President responsible for coordinating pipeline activities. The federal pipeline coordinator is vested with most of these responsibilities in the 2005 legislation. Bringing in the President and expanding somewhat on the scope of coordination might help marginally but is not much of a substantive change.
- Project labor Agreements - this section would require project labor agreements for the gas pipeline and makes mandatory earlier sense of Congress language enacted in 2005. In my opinion, the new language adds little, as almost everyone has expected project labor agreements. However, producers and pipeline companies might feel that a mandatory requirement biases future PLA negotiations.
- Pipeline maintenance - requires that the operators of oil and gas pipelines in Alaska certify annually that their pipelines are being maintained and operated in a efficient manner. In my opinion, this doesn't add much to existing law.
- Oil export ban - would reimpose the ban on exporting Alaska oil. This would accomplish little, as there have been no Alaska exports, we're told, since 2000. This would appear to be a slap at Alaska sovereignty since other states are not so encumbered, and limited amounts of crude oil and refined products are exported now.
- Use it or Loose it/federal leaseholders - would penalize leaseholders who are not acting diligently to produce oil and gas from their leases. This would appear to add very little to the due diligence and production requirements of existing law and arguably does not recognize the realities of how hydrocarbons are explored for and produced.
- Royalty Payments - is designed to ensure that the federal government receives its proper share of revenues from federal leases throughout the country. Again, existing law and regulations contain provisions to accomplish this purpose.

Conclusion: In my opinion, this bill is more rhetorical than real. Neither it nor the Republican alternative has much chance of being enacted.

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There seems to be a consensus on the need to enact legislation to restrict petroleum speculation, but the consensus ends there. In the meantime, there is a bipartisan group seeking to draft a more meaningful energy policy that could attract enough votes to be enacted.

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According to news articles, Minority Leader Boehner supports the Alaska provisions in the energy legislation proposed yesterday by House Democrats. While this bill was defeated on the suspension calendar, which requires a 2/3rds vote for approval, the Alaska provisions (discussed in my email yesterday) could come up again in some other context.

Accordingly, if possible, I would suggest that you talk with Mr. Boehner during his Alaska visit this weekend. In my opinion, he is inadvertently falling into the Democrats' trap. Their proposal, and not just the use it or lose it feature, is much more rhetorical than real. In general, I believe that the Alaska provisions add little to existing law and, in some cases (ban on oil exports) are actually deleterious.

If Mr. Boehner knows the facts, which I will be providing to his staff today, he might change his mind. This could also help with some of the 26 House Republicans and a few oil state Democrats who voted in favor of Speaker Pelosi's legislation.

Several of our concerns are also discussed in a Statement of Administration Policy issued yesterday by the Bush Administration. I have pasted the statement below so that you can see the Administration's problems with the NPR-A and gas pipeline provisions, as well as with the ban on Alaska oil exports.

Hope this helps.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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July 17, 2008 (House)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 6515 - To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 and for other purposes
 (Rep. Rahall (D) WV)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R.6515, which fails to address the pressing energy needs of our Nation. Instead, the bill would discourage the development of domestic energy resources, drive up gasoline prices, and reduce the Nation's energy security. With gasoline prices at historic highs, it is unimaginable that Congress is considering legislation that would, among other things, reduce domestic oil supply by chilling investment and placing new restrictions on how exploration can go forward. If H.R. 6515 were presented to the President, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

This legislation is another example of the Democratically controlled Congress' failure to address the root causes of high gasoline prices. The President has put forward a combination of Federal policies to access our domestic resources, break our dependence on fossil fuels, improve our energy efficiency, and harness the power of alternative fuels and renewable energy technologies

- while at the same time increasing our energy security and ensuring our economy can continue to prosper and grow.

On Monday, July 14, the President lifted an executive prohibition on drilling for oil and natural gas on the Outer Continental Shelf and urged Congress to remove a similar legislative barrier. The President has repeatedly called on Congress to take additional measures to address the Nation's energy needs including: (1) removing the prohibition on completing commercial oil shale leasing regulations to allow access to this promising resource; (2) permitting oil and gas exploration and development in a remote region of Northern Alaska; and (3) streamlining the permitting process for expansions and reconfigurations of refineries. In lieu of the current flawed piece of

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The bill prohibits the granting of new oil or gas exploration or production leases to any entity that is not "diligently developing" its existing leases on Federal lands. Current law already establishes initial lease periods and requires that reasonable progress be made toward production of resources from Federal oil and gas leases. Failure to demonstrate and maintain progress toward commencing production already results in the forfeiture of the lease and any extensions, as well as the lessee's investment in it.

By blocking some firms from competing for new leases, this legislation would further increase gasoline prices that already exceed \$4 per gallon and result in unintended consequences due to litigation. Even though new leases will take years to develop, oil markets are forward-looking, and an expected decline in future supply will raise prices today.

This bill mandates additional oil and gas leasing sales within the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A). This mandate is misplaced, as regular lease sales are already occurring. The key impediment to increasing production from NPR-A is the near continuous legal challenges to Federal lease sales in Alaska-lawsuits that would just as surely prevent any meaningful progress intended by the bill's mandates. The Administration urges Congress to address this key impediment, and thereby have a real positive impact on production.

This bill seeks to expedite construction of pipelines in Alaska for oil and natural gas. The Administration is willing to help expedite any Federal permits needed to facilitate construction of such pipelines. However, the Administration would oppose any requirement for further Federal funding or financial support for these pipelines, as there are sufficient market incentives for their development. In particular, the Administration would strongly oppose any additional Federal financial incentives beyond the already authorized \$18 billion in Federal loan guarantees. If Congress really wants to have a positive impact on production in Alaska, they should allow more production in the area of Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge that was set aside for oil and gas exploration. Finally, this bill requires that Alaskan oil production supply only U.S. markets. Such a ban on the export of Alaskan oil is unnecessary and unwise. None of the oil production from the North Slope of Alaska is sold beyond Alaska and the Lower-48 States. The U.S. Congress did pass a law in 1995 permitting exports, but virtually no oil has been exported for the past eight years. Such a ban would make virtually no additional oil available to U.S. consumers, and would not lower oil prices that are set in a world market. At the same time, such export restrictions are detrimental to the efficient operation of global energy markets and would send the wrong signal to our trading partners who may face pressure to impose similar trade restrictions.

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John W. Katz

*Director of State/Federal Relations
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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Education

Hello - This should go to CR for the donation letter that is done in regards to "receiving many requests of this nature, therefore the Governor is not able to donate."

Also, I have no idea what "week" this lady is referring to. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:03 AM
To: 'littleredbaron@acsalaska.net'
Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to res

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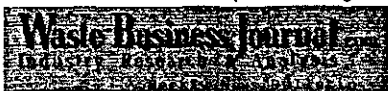
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:51 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Jul. 17-23, 2008

From: Waste Business Journal [mailto:info@wastebusinessjournal.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 11:07 PM
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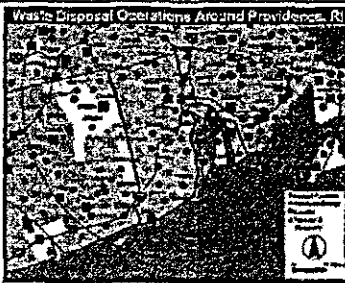
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1. WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFERS TO BUY REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR \$6.19 BILLION

Waste Management launched an unsolicited surprise counter offer to buy Republic Services for about \$6.19 billion, potentially derailing Republic's deal to acquire Allied Waste Industries Inc. for \$6.77 billion. Republic said in a statement that it would carefully review the proposal and respond in due course, but the company noted that it already had a definitive merger agreement with Allied Waste. Waste Management's bid of \$34 per share represents a 22% premium to Republic's recent closing price, but that stock had been off by 17% since rumors of its deal to buy Allied first surfaced. Therefore, it is likely that Waste Management will have to sweeten its offer before all is said and done.

It is also likely that the greater level of overlap between the two companies' markets will necessitate some divestitures; however, according to Waste Management's Chairman and CEO, David Steiner, "we're also certain the assets we'll get to keep are significant and make for a compelling transaction." Republic's strong business in Las Vegas is an especially compelling asset, said Steiner. Even with divestitures, the merger is likely to result in an expansion of Waste Management's share of the \$55 billion waste management industry to 30% from 24%.

According to Steiner, "Our proposal clearly offers a better and more certain value alternative to Republic stockholders than the recently announced Republic-Allied Waste transaction."

Waste Management is drawing strength from its own recent performance. The company said it expected to report second-quarter earnings of between \$0.61 and \$0.62 per share, excluding special items, exceeding analysts' average estimate of \$0.58. Revenue rose 3.9% to \$3.49 billion during the quarter from a year earlier. Analysts were expecting \$3.43 billion...[Read More »](#)

2. CITY OF DALLAS TO DEVELOP BIOREACTOR AT CITY'S MCCOMMAS LANDFILL

City of Dallas officials are planning to construct as many as seven bioreactor cells on the city's McCommas landfill. The process which recirculates landfill leachate to accelerate and augment waste decomposition, could extend the life of the landfill by 100 years and produce enough methane to power 16,000 homes. Construction of the first cell is scheduled to begin in October. According to Ron Smith, assistant director of the city's sanitation department, "Even though it looks like we're just burying trash, it's really a huge science project." The city hopes to reap \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month from the sale of the power...[Read More »](#)

3. STERICYCLE INSIDERS BUY \$20 MILLION IN MORE SHARES

Two longtime insiders of medical waste management firm Stericycle Inc., have purchased a combined \$20 million in additional shares of company stock according to recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Company Chairman Jack Schuler and director John Patience, whose venture-capital firm founded Stericycle in 1989, bought the shares based on their belief that it represents a good investment in a company and business that is somewhat insulated from troubles in the general economy. According to Mr. Patience, "people still go to hospitals and they go to the doctors' office and they have procedures and procedures generate waste and Stericycle picks it up and treats it."...[Read More »](#)

4. STRATEGIC MATERIALS TO ACQUIRE CONTAINER RECYCLING ALLIANCE

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Houston, TX-based Strategic Materials Inc., the largest glass manufacturer in North America, has reached an agreement with the investment group WHI Capital Partners to acquire glass recycler Container Recycling Alliance (CRA) from WHI for an undisclosed amount. CRA, which WHI bought in 2006, operates eight glass recycling plants in the United States. Strategic Materials owns and operates 31 glass processing and aggregation plants in the United States, Canada, and Mexico and sells approximately 1.3 million tons of cullet annually...[Read More »](#)

5. EPA RELEASES REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

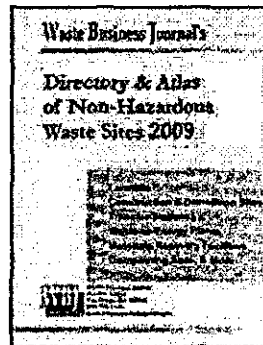
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a report that discusses potential impacts of climate change on human health and welfare, and on communities throughout the U.S. Entitled "Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health and Welfare and Human Systems," the peer-reviewed report is considered to be the most up-to-date synthesis and assessment of scientific literature on the impact of global change. It details specific challenges including unusual or unexpected weather, and how some individuals and communities may be disproportionately affected especially the elderly, the poor, children, and people with chronic medical conditions...[Read More »](#)

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6. W2 ENERGY INC. GETS \$7.9 MILLION ORDER FOR WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT

Toronto Ont.-based W2 Energy Inc. received a \$7.9 million order to build a 40 ton-per-day waste-to-energy conversion plant from Better World Energy of Thailand. The plant will employ W2 Energy's proprietary plasma and gas to liquid technologies to convert municipal solid waste into synthetic diesel fuel. Heat from the plant will be converted to electricity. W2 Energy will build, install and commission the plant...[Read More »](#)

7. CLEANTECH BIOFUELS TO ACQUIRE BIOMASS FROM MSW TECHNOLOGY

CleanTech Biofuels, Inc. is acquiring Biomass North America Licensing, Inc. which owns the rights to use a technology for the production of cellulosic biomass from municipal solid waste in the United States and Canada. CleanTech will develop a commercial site using the licensed technology at a transfer station currently operating in Chicago, Illinois and owned by a principal shareholder of Biomass North America...[Read More »](#)

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10. CLEAN HARBORS APPOINTS SIMON GERLIN SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

Clean Harbors named Simon R. Gerlin to a newly created position of Senior Vice President of Finance. Gerlin will report to Clean Harbors' Chief Financial Officer, James M. Rutledge and oversee all of the Company's controllership functions. He was formerly a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers for nearly 17 years...[Read More »](#)

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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:19 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 1:14 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Calvin Gourley
address: 35555 Kenai Spur Hiway PMB 246 Soldotna AK 99669
907-252-8439

MESSAGE:

Mrs. Palin,

I have emailed you several times in the past to say, I think you are doing an outstanding job. I have emailed Mr. Halcro several times in the past 2 years that you have been in office, to ask him to "grow up", among other things. His latest stunt with accusations of improper actions on your part concerning Walt Monegon and Trooper Whooten are ludicrous. So, being the good constituent that I am, I reminded him of the fact that they all serve at your "pleasure". I also reminded him that he "lost" the election, he is not the Governor, and that he could now go away somewhere and stir that kind of stuff elsewhere. Seriously, not everyone is smoking what he's rolling, and there are tons of folks out here that stand behind you 100%. Keep up the good work, and oh by the way, I work for BP on NorthStar Island, stop by for lunch some time when I'm here, I'd really like to meet you and talk polotics.

calvingourley@yahoo.com

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 1:45 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL -- Draft Letter

Dear Governor Palin,

Attached is the letter I propose to send. If you want it revised or sent out let me know. Talis

From: Jones, David T (LAW)

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 1:44 PM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL -- Draft Letter

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Dave Jones

My new email address is Dave.Jones@alaska.gov.
907-269-5169 - direct

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
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Randy

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No - 60 Seconds was what it was suppose to be. Janice

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Telephone Call - Fri., 07.18.08

60 minutes?

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 13:37:31 2008
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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV spo

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVSP]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 2:30 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Telephone Call - Fri., 07.18.08

No one answered. Let him know that pls

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Subject: RE: Other

Importance: High

Yes, I would like to see these for now - also these need to go directly to Randy Ruaro not Public Safety per Nizich. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

Janice,

Do you want to see any of these or should I just send all them to Public Safety??

Donna

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:12 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nicki

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Subject: Re: Meeting with Commissioner Kopp and Commissioner Kreitzer
Thank you Randy.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 22:28:36 -0800
To: ExternalEmailgsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
<kris.perry@alaska.gov>
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Governor:

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Randy

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:13:58 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
<kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Governor:

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Randy

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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 4:26 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Howard Hansen
address: 4938 Barat Circle Anchorage AK 99508

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

First let me say that I appreciate your service to the State of Alaska. I was born and raised in Alaska and have never been more pleased with any elected politician than you. I don't know you personally, but believe that you are a woman of character and am proud to have you as our Governor. I generally don't get too worked up about political slander. The recent mud slinging regarding Public Safety Commissioner Monegan irritates me greatly. I want to say that, in situations like this, intelligent people consider the source and don't jump to conclusions. I want to let you know that many, many people are very happy with the job you are doing and support you. You bring character and class to public office and we can always use more of that. My wife and I will be praying that the Lord will continue to grant you favor and that He will keep His hedge of protection around you and your family. Again, thank you for your service.

Howard Hansen

heh@alaska.com

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [mike.nizich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:03 AM
To: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Walt

Next day. I talked to him on Friday, he replied to my email about his decision to take the job on Saturday approximately around 11:30 to noon.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.palin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 7:17 AM
To: Frank Bailey; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: K Perry Yahoo
Subject: Re: Walt

He didn't get back to us until the day after that even though?

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank Bailey
To: Sarah's Personal Email
To: M Nizich
ReplyTo: Frank Bailey
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 7:15 AM
Subject: Re: Walt

Mike can verify, but my understanding is he wanted to consider the other option for a couple of days, thru Sunday. Instead he sent off his letter to the commissioner's the very next Sat morning.

-----Original Message-----

From: GPalin
To: M Nizich
To: Frank Bailey
ReplyTo: GPalin
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 6:57 AM
Subject: Walt

Did it take walt a couple of days to decide he wouldn't take the other job?

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [mike.nizich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:00 AM
To: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Walt

He emailed me Saturday late morning indicating he did not want the job after his message to the cabinet

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.palin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:57 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Frank Bailey
Subject: Walt

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:45 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Commissioner Kopp and Commissioner Kreitzer

Thank you so much. I had a good conversation with Kopp tonight - but for the life of me I will never understand how this has become the most clustered issue in my two-yr-old administration. Walt has shown his true colors - very sad and disappointing, and unacceptable if he misleads the public at all on any aspect of any of this... as he already has with his false allegations that Frank, Annette, Todd et al met with him and pressured him. False.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:13:58 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Meeting with Commissioner Kopp and Commissioner Kreitzer

Governor:

I had a very good meeting with Commissioner Kopp and Commissioner Kreitzer today. They are going to work together on some steps they can take fairly quickly to help with recruiting and an issue with implementing VOIP phones at DPS that Walt was not helping resolve. (DPS is the only state agency resisting the VOIP phones) If we can get the issue fixed, we can probably avoid significant costs for ADMIN. We talked about a number of other issues as well.

Basically, we made more progress in one hour with Commissioner Kopp on DPS issues than we were able to make with Walt in months.

Randy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Outdated Immigration Policy Threatens U.S. Economic Well-Being

From: Council on Hemispheric Affairs [mailto:noreply@coha.org]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:57 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Outdated Immigration Policy Threatens U.S. Economic Well-Being

A Council on Hemispheric Affairs Press Release

About COHA In the News Forum Internships

Skilled Labor: Outdated Immigration Policy Threatens U.S. Economic Well-Being

- U.S. losing the race for talented immigrants
- Washington must update immigration policy to allow more skilled immigrants to work in the U.S.

In 2007, Microsoft opened a software development center in Vancouver, Canada, in part to have access to highly skilled workers who are presently prohibited from residing in the United States. Microsoft's recent Canadian venture highlights a growing trend of U.S. companies seeking available talented workers in offshore countries and keeping them there. Much of this in-place outsourcing has to do with Washington's failure to provide sufficient work permits to fill the pressing domestic need for skilled immigrant professionals. Making matters worse, many of the immigrants who are unable to receive U.S. work permits have been educated at American universities. The U.S. pours valuable resources into the education of would-be immigrants, whose knowledge and skills ultimately benefit other countries. The result is that the U.S. is missing out on substantial economic benefits by refusing to grant work permits to skilled laborers, especially to those schooled here.

For Full Article Click Here

This analysis was prepared by COHA Research Associate Jamie Heine.

Does the End Justify the Means? The Misuse of the ICRC Emblem by Colombian Intelligence in Its Hostage Rescue Mission

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The now famed Colombian rescue mission Operation Jaque, responsible for the rescue of former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt and 14 other important and high visibility hostages from the FARC, is being criticized for using emblems from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as part of its elaborate ruse. Colombia's president Uribe has acknowledged this deception and has formally apologized to the ICRC. Three photographs provided by an unknown military source, and sold to CNN, show a Colombian soldier wearing an ICRC bib on his arm. Furthermore, in previously unpublished video footage of the rescue mission, an emblem can be seen on the helicopter of the "Mision Internacional Humanitaria," which is supposedly an NGO based in Spain.

For Full Article Click Here

This analysis was prepared by COHA Research Associate Erina Uozumi.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:17 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (07/18/08)

From: Honeysett, Adam [mailto:Adam.Honeysett@ED.GOV]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 5:06 AM
To: ED_REVIEW@LISTSERV.ED.GOV
Subject: [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (07/18/08)

ED REVIEW

July 18, 2008

...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of Education activities relevant to the
Intergovernmental and Corporate community and other stakeholders

TEACHING AMBASSADOR FELLOWS

On July 10, Secretary Spellings announced the selection of 25 teachers for Teaching Ambassador Fellowships with the U.S. Department of Education for 2008-09. Five Washington Fellows (Stephanie Canada, elementary physical education, Shawnee, OK; Jonathan Eckert, seventh-grade science, Franklin, TN; Steven Hicks, kindergarten and first-grade, Los Angeles, CA; Bobbi Houtchens, high school English and English as a Second Language, San Bernardino, CA; and Julie Shively, fourth- and fifth-grade gifted math, Lawrenceville, GA) will become full-time Department employees in Washington, D.C., for one year, engaging in policy discussions, working with different program offices, and participating in a variety of projects. Twenty Classroom Fellows will remain in their classrooms and be paid for assignments throughout the school year on a part-time basis. "I know we will benefit from the fellows' knowledge and experience in the classroom," the Secretary said. "While the Department offers multiple avenues for teachers to participate in policy discussions, this is truly a unique opportunity.... I hope it becomes part of the fabric at the U.S. Department of Education for many years to come." More than 1,000 teachers across the U.S. applied for the fellowships. Representing 22 states, all grade spans, and a range of subjects, fellows were selected based on their clear impact on student achievement, record of leadership, and potential for contribution to both the Department and the field. The program kicked-off this week with an orientation and policy conference in Washington. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/07/07102008.html>.

NCLB UPDATE

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The Department has published Fiscal Year 2008 Title I allocations by school district. Under the *No Child Left Behind Act*, districts must spend an amount equal to 20% of their Title I, Part A allocation to cover public school choice-related transportation costs and pay for supplemental educational services (SES). Districts have some discretion to determine the allocation of funds between the activities, but they must use at least one-quarter (5%) of the 20% "reservation" on each activity, if the cost of satisfying demand for each exceeds 5%. Moreover, for each student receiving SES, districts are required to pay the lesser of the actual cost of such services or an amount equal to the district's Title I, Part A allocation divided by the number of poor children within the district, as determined by Census Bureau estimates. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy08/>. (Note: Due to state-level adjustments of Title I allocations, the amounts received by districts will be smaller than shown.)

Speaking of SES, on July 7, the Department's Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII) announced a new grant competition to encourage the establishment or expansion of partnerships between supplemental educational services programs and 21st Century Community Learning Centers projects, in order to increase the academic achievement of low-income students in Title I schools identified for improvement, correction action, or restructuring. Through this demonstration, OII will fund proposals that will serve as national models of how these two federally authorized after-school initiatives can be coordinated so that a greater number of students enroll in, participate in, and complete academic after-school services. A "notice of intent" to apply is due July 21, while the deadline for applications is August 12. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/programs/sesdemo/>. (Note: In the near future, the Department will be holding a technical assistance conference call for interested applicants. Details will be posted on the program's web site.)

IDEA DETERMINATION LETTERS

As required by statute, the Department recently issued determination letters regarding states' implementation of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA). Each state was evaluated on key indicators under Part B (ages 3 through 21) and Part C (infants through age 2) and placed into one of four categories: meets requirements, needs assistance, needs intervention, and needs substantial intervention. Staff carefully considered states' Annual Performance Reports, information obtained through monitoring visits, and other public records. Overall, most states fell into the top two categories. Thirteen states earned the highest rating for Part B, and 21 states earned the top rating for Part C. No states were in the lowest category on either part. For states in the lower categories, the IDEA identifies technical assistance or actions which the agency must take under specific circumstances. The Department will work with states that need assistance or intervention using its network of technical assistance centers. New determination letters are issued annually. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/monitor/factsheet.html>.

STUDENT LOANS GUIDE

The Department and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have published a consumer guide to help students and their families navigate the maze of offers they may face when seeking new student loans or consolidating existing loans to pay for higher education. The new guide, "Student Loans: Avoiding Deceptive Offers," provides detailed information about the different benefits and terms of federal and private loans, as well as tips on recognizing questionable practices. The guide also includes several resources for information about student loans and filing a complaint against various types of lenders. "As we carry

out our commitment to ensure the availability of federal student loans, we must also make sure that students and their families are armed with critical information to help them recognize and avoid deceptive lending practices," Secretary Spellings explained. "This brochure will help families be wise consumers of higher education and financial aid." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre43.shtm>.

Meanwhile, today (July 18), the Secretary will address the 2008 Higher Education Summit, "A Test of Leadership: Committing to Advance Postsecondary Education for All Americans," in Chicago. She will challenge participants to build on the efforts of her Commission on the Future of Higher Education (see <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/>), as well as discuss global competitiveness and the workforce needs of the 21st century.

STEM PROGRESS REPORT

This week, Tapping America's Potential (TAP), a coalition of 16 leading U.S. business organizations, released a report assessing the progress made over the last three years toward the TAP goal of doubling the number of students earning bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The report, "Gaining Momentum, Losing Ground," indicates that, while the number of degrees rose early in the decade (from 201,055 degrees in 2001 to 208,243 in 2002 and 220,360 in 2003), the number of degrees has leveled off at about 225,000 per year — substantially off track of reaching 400,000 by 2015. The report also updates TAP's recommendations for advancing U.S. competitiveness: boosting and sustaining funding for basic research; *reforming visa and immigration policies to enable the U.S. to attract and retain STEM* students from around the world; upgrading K-12 math and science teaching; and building public understanding and support. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.tap2015.org/news/tap_2008_progress.pdf.

MONITORING AMERICA'S CHILDREN

The 2008 edition of "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being," compiled by the 22-member Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, presents indicators in seven sections: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. In 2007, the report cited under education, scores of fourth- and eighth-graders on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) were higher in math than in all previous assessments and higher in reading than in 2005. Other favorable changes: a decline in childhood (ages 5-14) deaths from injuries (from 8.2 per 100,000 children in 2004 to 7.7 per 100,000 in 2005) and a decrease in the percentage of eighth-graders who smoked daily (from 10% in 1996 to 4% in 2006 and 3% in 2007). On the other hand, there was an increase in low birth weight infants (less than five pounds, eight ounces), and the birth rate among adolescent girls (ages 15-17) increased for the first time in 15 years. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://childstats.gov/americaschildren/>.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"[W]e are shifting our educational center of gravity away from generic traditions and toward the needs of the individual — more mobile, more connected, and more familiar with technology than ever before.... Imagine Cup finalist Louis Sayers said it well -- 'There's no one telling us that we can't do something. If we don't like [it], we change it, and, at the end of the day, we know that [it] was built by us.' That is how we build a global

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platform for collaboration. It is the opposite of isolation. And it's exactly what we need right now!"

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (7/7/08), delivering remarks at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Education Leaders Forum in Paris

Note: The U.S. Department of State is calling for applications for the U.S. Commission for UNESCO Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship. This fellowship will allow an undergraduate or graduate student (ages 18-25) to conduct work in a foreign country related to the mandate of UNESCO, using education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and/or communications and information to forge ties among nations. The deadline for applications is August 5. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/103476.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register today for the 2008 National Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Week Conference, September 7-10 in Washington, D.C. Approximately 600 representatives from black colleges and universities, federal agencies, corporations, and foundations are expected to participate in discussions on issues of interest to the HBCU community. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/units/list/whhbcu/edlite-markcalendar.html>.

October 6-7, in Washington, D.C., the Department, in partnership with the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences, will host the first in a series of National Math Panel forums with the goal of building a sustained effort to improve math education. As the panel's findings are extensive and cover many areas, this initial forum will focus on four of seven recommendation topics: learning processes, instructional materials, teachers and teacher education, and research policies and mechanisms. Other topics, such as curricular content, instructional practices, and assessment, may be discussed and will be addressed during future forums. Interested parties committed to improving the teaching and learning of math are encouraged to register by August 8. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://ime.math.arizona.edu/2008-09/1007_forum.html.

Over the next two weeks, the Department will be exhibiting at the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Summit in New Orleans (July 22-26), the UNITY: Journalists of Color, Inc., Convention in Chicago (July 23-27), the American Legislative Exchange Council's Annual Meeting in Chicago (July 30-August 2), and the National Urban League's Annual Conference in Orlando (July 30-August 2). If you are attending any of these events, please stop by the Department's booth.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:27 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Todd; K Perry Yahoo; mniz@gci.net
Cc: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re:
Again, he showed his true colors. How were any of us to know...

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 23:24:17 -0700 (PDT)
To: Todd<fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>;
<mniz@gci.net>; <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re:

makes me absolutely sick to my stomach that I supported Walt in becoming Commissioner.

--- On Fri, 7/18/08, gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re:
To: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, "K Perry Yahoo" <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, "M Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Friday, July 18, 2008, 10:11 PM

Frank: this is evil, isn't it? Walt lied that you pressured him. This is sick and out of control. He lied about Annette and Todd also.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank Bailey
To: Sarah's Personal Email
To: Todd
To: K Perry Yahoo
ReplyTo: Frank Bailey
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 10:09 PM
Subject: Re:

I'll get with her.
This is sick and wrong.

-----Original Message-----

From: GPalin
To: Frank Bailey
To: Todd Palin
To: Kris Perry Yhoo
ReplyTo: GPalin
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 10:00 PM
Subject: Re:

I am very sorry they will not accept more info or statements. It's unheard of. Maybe u could forward to Meg S and get some insight into this, and ktva's screwed up "she cut dps budget" blunder, and security detail Wooten comment by Jason, etc.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank Bailey
To: Sarah's Personal Email

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To: Todd
To: K Perry Yahoo
ReplyTo: Frank Bailey
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 9:44 PM
Subject: Fw:

Here's the statement I sent. Sharon sent to Ross and Baldino. I've talked to her 4 times and they won't accept a new statement, saying 10pm is already set and only a continuation of the 6pm....saying the story is set.
--- On Fri, 7/18/08, frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject:

To: sharon.leighow@alaska.gov

Date: Friday, July 18, 2008, 8:42 PM

Hi Sharon,

Can you blind copy me in when you send this?

I absolutely cannot remember a single instance where I contacted Walt Monegan over Trooper Wooten. The report I saw tonight claiming otherwise is false. I've only had a handful of conversations with the Former Commissioner, and discussing Wooten has never been part of those conversations.
Frank Bailey

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:36 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Notti; Emil R (CED)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Bob Tkacz

Before ui talk to him let me ask if there's any news on the processor front- any facts/figures I can share w him... and what can we do to allow more processors in areas where there are the continual limits and shut downs, due to lack of capacity.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 09:29:32 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Mason, Janice L (GOV)<janice.mason@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Bob Tkacz

Governor-

Bob would like a few minutes with you to talk about processors in Bristol Bay. 463 5455. He is available all day.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Bob Tkacz

Pls print for my desk-ill be in about an hr and I'll call the reporter then.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Crome, Cora J (GOV)" <cora.crome@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 10:07:41 -0800
To: ExternalEmailsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Bob Tkacz

Governor,

As you know, the fish came in very hard in early July, with a catch of 2.6 million fish in a single day. This led to limits and shutdowns as processors struggled to keep up. After the season, we will have ADF&G's best guess of how many fish went unharvested due to these limits. We have foreign owned processors in the bay now (shorebased) and we have floaters (U.S. owned). We just don't have any foreign owned floaters. It's not that big of a leap, they just require a different permit. Also, even our existing processors have told us that they do not mind competition as long as everyone is on a level playing field. I have also reminded the press that we met with processors prior to the season to encourage them to bring as much capacity as possible to the bay and also worked with some of our contacts to find out if there was foreign interest out there. We didn't get any applications for this season for foreign floaters, but what I have told people is that when the 2009 forecast comes out in November, if we are expecting another big year, we will do everything possible to be sure that fishermen have the opportunity to harvest that resource. We will let it be known far and wide that there is an opportunity for investment in our seafood industry here in Alaska and we will work with interested folks to get that capacity here. We can use our Office of Economic Development, our International Trade people, and other contacts we have to get the word out. There is no doubt that many existing companies did step up and increase capacity, just as they told us they would. However, there is also no doubt that it still was not enough and more investment in that region is needed if large runs continue.

I did talk with Bob for about 35 minutes the other day and provided him with much of this information.
Cora

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

Janice,

Do you want to see any of these or should I just send all them to Public Safety??

Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:12 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nickie Nelson

address: 3921 North Point Drive Anchorage AK 99502

MESSAGE:

Sarah: Just wanted to say that I think this is a bunch of garbage with this Wooten matter. Anybody that knows your family (Heath) and has been your supporter can see through this. Obviously, Andrew Halcro has a grudge to have posted such non-sense on his website. Keep the faith. Please tell Molly I said hello. Nickie Reaves-Nelson

ncnelson@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:52 AM
To: relaine@mac.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:24 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Elaine Renfrow
address: PO Box 1425 Sterling AK 99672

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,

Just wanted you to know that You are in my prayers. Do not let these people get to you. My husband and myself think you are doing a good job, And we appreciate the effort you are going thru to help Alaskans with their engery bills.

Stick with what you feel is right, I feel you are the best governor this state has had in a very long time.

May God bless & guide you.

Elaine Renfrow

relaine@mac.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 7:41 AM
To: Ivy personal; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Kwhl

Arghhhh. May something please bump us off the front page now?! :)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy personal
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Frank Bailey
To: K Perry
To: Sharon Leighow
ReplyTo: Ivy personal
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 7:37 AM
Subject: Re: Kwhl

You are awesome!! Great interview. I loved the "60 seconds if andrew had to shut his mouth."

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
To: Frank Bailey
To: Kris Perry
To: Ivy personal
To: Sharon Leighow
ReplyTo: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 6:25 AM
Subject: Kwhl

We recorded my interview this am, they'll play soon.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:50 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Congressman Boehner/Governor's Letter

Makes sense. I'll talk to him.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Katz
To: M Nizich
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Joe Balash
Cc: K Perry
Cc: Marty Rutherford
Cc: Sharon Leighow
Cc: Tom Irwin
Cc: Russ Kelly
Sent: Jul 18, 2008 6:50 AM
Subject: Congressman Boehner/Governor's Letter

After several discussions with Capitol Hill = staff, I think it might be a good idea for you to send a letter to = the 26 Republicans and certain oil state Democrats who voted for the = Pelosi energy package partly on the basis of their support for the Alaska = provisions in that bill.

I can draft such a letter for your review. = However, before doing so, I am thinking that it might be a good idea = for you to talk with Mr. Boehner about whether this would be helpful = to him and others who are seeking a more production oriented approach to = comprehensive energy policy.

If this makes sense, I'll await your interaction= with Congressman Boehner and his entourage.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:25 AM
To: Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Ivy personal; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Kwhl

We recorded my interview this am, they'll play soon.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:39 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Privileged or Personal; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule

Okay - thanks. Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: 'Privileged or Personal Ma' <Privileged or Personal Ma>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:37:58 2008
Subject: Re: Schedule

There was also an adm interview today - approx 4pm.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: 'Privileged or Personal Ma' <Privileged or Personal Ma>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:36:32 2008
Subject: Re: Schedule

Thank you - I will get this right on your calendar. Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: 'Privileged or Personal Mail' <Privileged or Personal Mail>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:31:37 2008

Subject: Schedule

Pls note on sched: KTVA interview 9:30pm tonight.

And tomorrow morning I'll do KWHL.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:24 PM
To: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Cc: Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Hanson; Britta L (GOV)
Subject: Speeches

I'll need a list of dignitaries to point out tomorrow and sunday in introductions at picnics thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 3:55 PM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Public_Safety

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 2:29 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. steve greene
address: box 101238 anchorage AK 99510
301-3293

MESSAGE:

Hey Sarah, I took the trouble to write the letter to the editor in ADN in which I declared that even though I did not vote for you that you were a humble hick. I said some nice things about you. Lately you have been preoccupied with being vice president and you lost your focus on your present commitment as governor. You have to do some MAJOR damage control NOW regarding the cop. Sometimes the right thing to do is the hardest thing. Now is your time to shine. Dont get me wrong, I dont like cops. I beat up a few troopers (they had long hair) so I am no angel. If you are as smart as you seem to be you better strike like lightning. We are all human. Make peace with your adversaries any ways possible. The late Ed Merdes always told me that when he had a difficult decision to make he talked to Jesus as if he were sitting next to him and he would ask him what to do. I know you will to. aka Clarence

sagreene00@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 2:04 PM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:46 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kellie Davis
address: 5900 E. Fireweed wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin--

My heart is so WITH you right now with all this nonsense out about your former brother in law and your firing of Monegan. When I first read Halcro I have to admit that I initially reacted with, "How dare she!" ("She" being you.) Then I read more and I just felt embarrassed for your whole family, and embarrassed for reading what I did.

I don't understand the situation with Monegan, but he elicited an emotional response. The Troopers are now being spoken of with the same reverence as the 911 firefighters. We have good ones and bad ones-- what can we say about them? We also have a state budget with Medicare cuts on the federal level, fatal car wrecks and all kinds of stress happening all over the place. I hope this blows over for you soon. I don't know if you are really worried or not, but I'm sure you know this-- no matter how well you do things, someone some place will still perceive a flaw and harp.

All the best to your sister-- this has a high wince factor for her, does it not? There should have been more investigation by the press before they ran with this but the bloggers got wind and blew it up.

I will send you good vibes for your picnics this weekend and may try to come by with the kids!

kellied@gmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 12:22 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Sorry I was in

The elevator got cut off

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:34 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Education

Wasn't sure if the Gov wanted to send something, sometimes she does for in state causes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Education

Hello - This should go to CR for the donation letter that is done in regards to "receiving many requests of this nature, therefore the Governor is not able to donate."

Also, I have no idea what "week" this lady is referring to. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:03 AM
To: 'littleredbaron@acsalaska.net'
Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Education

Web mail from: Jean Shergalis

address: 324 Cindy Drive Fairbanks AK 99701

907-322-6438

MESSAGE:

We are having a fundraiser to help local Fairbanks school kids to purchase school supplies.

Our Cub Scouts are having a "Celebrity" sale to raise money to purchase items needed by our local kids.

We would appreciate a donation of an item that Governor Palin could part with for this worthy cause.

I believe Sarah will be in Fairbanks this week and could bring this item with her.

Our community would be most grateful.

In advance, thank you.

Sincerely, Jean Shergalis Pack 1551 907-322-6438

littleredbaron@acsalaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:33 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Other

I have sent some, but only the supporting ones, do you want to see all of them, I have been sending them to Jessica, she is filling in for Katie. Is that good??

-----Original Message-----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Other
Importance: High

Yes, I would like to see these for now - also these need to go directly to Randy Ruaro not Public Safety per Nizich. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

Janice,

Do you want to see any of these or should I just send all them to Public Safety??

Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:12 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nickie Nelson

address: 3921 North Point Drive Anchorage AK 99502

MESSAGE:

Sarah: Just wanted to say that I think this is a bunch of garbage with this Wooten matter. Anybody that knows your family (Heath) and has been your supporter can see through this. Obviously, Andrew Halcro has a grudge to have posted such non-sense on his website. Keep the faith. Please tell Molly I said hello. Nickie Reaves-Nelson

ncnelson@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:25 AM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Public_Safety

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:17 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Dave Walker
address: P.O. Box 670835 Chugiak AK 99567
688-4405

MESSAGE:

Sarah, we have read some of the trash being printed about the recent firing of officer Wooten. We only had to ask ourselves one question... would we want this individual dealing with our children or grandchildren? NO! Keep up the great work, we are behind you all the way.

Dave and Sue Walker

dnswlk@Gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:20 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV); Benedict; Nichole M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

Ladies,

I sent this to Janice and Jessica on 6.6.08, I have added Nikki since RM wants to be included in native issues.

Donna

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From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 11:04 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Alicia Reft

address: P.O. BOX 22 Karluk AK 99608

907-241-2218

MESSAGE:

I was just wondering who the Karluk IRA Traditional Council can contact regarding the Kodiak Island Housing Authority? There are many issues that our community has regarding this organization and has had for years. We are not being heard and feel that the unfair treatment of our community members must stop

Please respond as soon as possible. This is our second email and we have not been contacted yet

thank you

Alicia L. Reft

President

Karluk IRA Traditional Council

a96lynn@aol.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:16 PM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Kel Goode
Subject: Fw: Annette

Karen- you'll need to correct their misstatements on budget cuts asap.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 06:13:37

To: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Bailey, Frank T (GOV)<frank.bailey@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Cc: K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>; Karen Rehfeld<karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Annette

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To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Cc: K Perry

Sent: Jul 18, 2008 9:57 PM

Subject: Annette

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:14 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Mike Ross

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 05:21:29

To: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Bailey, Frank T (GOV)<frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Cc: M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Mike Ross

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To: K Perry

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Sent: Jul 18, 2008 9:19 PM

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:58 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Annette

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mike Ross

Just called channel 11 and told them to correct the story - we've added funding

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 21:21:29 2008
Subject: Re: Mike Ross

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From: Morgan, Katryn L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KLMORGAN]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:20 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Hanson; Britta L (GOV); Stepovich; Melissa M (GOV)
Subject: Re: Speeches

Governor,

I will have the list for you tomorrow and work with Melissa to get you a list for Sunday.
Thank you!

Kate

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Morgan, Katryn L (GOV)
Cc: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Hanson, Britta L (GOV)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 20:23:42 2008
Subject: Speeches

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:13 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Hawker

Fyi, I will be keeping u in the loop on the walt issue as it will affect all depts if the public is deceived based on untruths:

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 05:08:03

To: M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Kel Goode<kellyc@acsalaska.net>; Kelly Goode<kelly.goode@alaska.gov>; Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Cc: Janice Mason<janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Hawker

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 9:11 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Kel Goode; Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Budget

Importance: High

We did not cut dps budget- if there were cuts, were they not made by leggings, as I have been told? Ktva reported that Admin cut the budget and has hurt troopers with our cuts. This needs to be corrected asap, Andrea Gustry was the reporter- theier story re-runs at 10pm. Pls let me know who's correcting it.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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To: M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Kel Goode<kellyc@acsalaska.net>; Kelly Goode<kelly.goode@alaska.gov>; Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 10:40 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Cell phone

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 22:38:02 2008
Subject: Fw: Cell phone

Fyi

----- Original Message -----

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 22:36:53 2008
Subject: Cell phone

On monday you need to have a cell phone with at all times. The gov and others made several attempts to contact you. I know how much you don't like to carry one but you will need to get a phone and inform me what the number is. Mike

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2008 5:07 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Annette

Thanks Karen- I just read the email that outlined your comments to Zencey. Very good, and hopefully that media outlet will choose to deal in facts and will use your comments. Thanks!

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From: "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 23:08:35 -0800
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Bailey, Frank T (GOV)<frank.bailey@alaska.gov>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
CC: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Annette

Governor - I will certainly do what I can to relay the correct information. I talked with Matt Zencey the other day and gave him facts. I have not seen them yet. Sharon has that info also and I am certain she has shared it with these reporters.

I am not certain who to call or when would be the best time. Sharon can you let me know how to proceed?

It is so unfortunate that this has become such a distraction. Your statement was excellent. We have the states business to do. The next two weeks are going to be critical to our future. People should be interested and focused on that!

I will help any way I can.

Karen

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
To: ExternalEmailsp; Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 22:21:19 2008
Subject: RE: Annette

She talked with the assignment desk - they told her they weren't prepared to take a statement at that late time. Did she try to get her message across- in my opinion - no.

I never spoke with Annette- Rachael relayed everything to me.

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

465-4031 Juneau
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Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Kel Goode; Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)
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To: Frank Bailey
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Kopp Re: Annette

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Confirmation PSZEMQ

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Subject: Car seat

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Subject: Molly's statementFw: Monday

This answers some of the timing issue with Wooten and the union:

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To: Governor Sarah Palin
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To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Today's Reporters

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Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2008 9:32 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); 'kellyc@acsalaska.net'; 'ftb907@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Hawker

Governor,

Hawker contacted our office and we kindly let him know that this was a personnel issue and we did not have any additional info. This was discussed with Nizich as well.

If we do decide to tell Legislators more now we should proably bring in Talis for legal guidance.

Kelly

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Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Fri Jul 18 21:08:03 2008
Subject: Hawker

Who talked to Hawker and told him that we would not answer his questions about walt? His quotes on the news were brutal.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2008 3:15 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Wooten

As Meg said, we need more, not less, info given to public:

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From: "Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 13:27:30 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Wooten

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I just had coffee with Barbara Gruenstein, the city clerk, who is a dear friend of mine. She said you really should do whatever you can to talk about this since you have been buried with so many accusations. But she also does understand the restrictions that you have.

Please let me know if I can help.

Meg

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [<mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sat 7/19/2008 11:59 AM
To: Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR)
Subject: Fw: Wooten

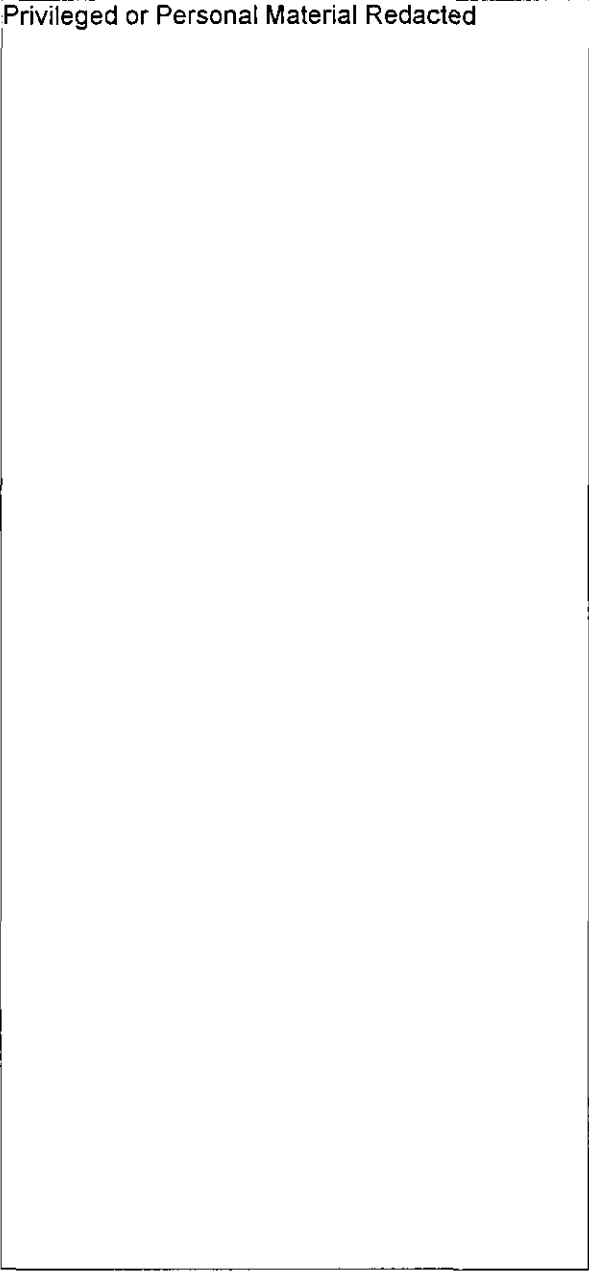
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From: Molly
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Jul 19, 2008 11:58 AM
Subject: Wooten

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2008 4:15 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); ffb907@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: PR 08-123 Governor Announces New Direction for DPS and Budget Summary 071908

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Sat Jul 19 15:59:04 2008
Subject: PR 08-123 Governor Announces New Direction for DPS and Budget Summary 071908

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 08-123

Governor Announces New Direction for Department of Public Safety

July 19, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin and Public Safety Commissioner Chuck Kopp today outlined a new direction for the Department of Public Safety. The Governor has directed Commissioner Kopp to focus on working cooperatively with state agencies, the military and other entities to expand the pool of applicants to fill vacant trooper positions and formulate an action plan to deal with rural crime issues.

"I am committed to bringing a balanced managerial and leadership perspective to the Department of Public Safety," said Kopp. "I will help form and then carry out the policy set forth by the Office of the Governor and meet the mission and needs of the department."

Highlights of the plan include:

- Efficiently using trooper resources and filling vacancies. One example is to reclassify existing open trooper job positions to job classes (Court Services and investigative support positions) that are more easily filled, allowing troopers to carrying out a full range of public safety services.

- * Comprehensively review the issues of alcohol and drug abuse and crime, particularly in rural Alaska. Additionally, consider adding manpower for alcohol and drug interdiction efforts.

- * Cooperatively work with state and federal agencies and other entities as part of a multi-agency effort that focuses on outreach, education, treatment and prevention, and law enforcement as part of an answer to alcohol and drug abuse prevention problems in rural Alaska.

- * Establish strong lateral communications between departments to accomplish the mission of each department and to assist those agencies in meeting their missions.

- * Establish a recruiting effort focusing on returning National Guard troops and other military service members, VPSO's and Alaska Natives.

* Increase training for troopers and VPSO's.

* Propose legislation that will slow the flow of alcohol to rural Alaska, particularly communities that have voted to restrict alcohol. One example would be reducing the amount of alcohol that can be shipped by written orders into rural Alaska.

"I have high expectations and confidence in Commissioner Kopp's ability to lead the department in this new direction," Governor Palin said. "His willingness to think outside the box and find new ways to work cooperatively with state agencies will improve the public safety of all Alaskans."

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I have repeated this message to the media over and over. Letting them know that the governor asked agencies to find efficiencies last year, this year and will likely ask again next year. I have explained the \$20 million is a target savings goal and it is not the governor's goal to cut positions. I also reminded reporters about the increased \$ we asked the legislature for (for DPS) - and how they funded roughly half -don't have the exact figure I front of me - was referencing an earlier email from Karen.

A written statement would be good. On my way in.

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Subject: Re: WSJ photos

Distractions- AMEN!

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To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
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Sent: Sat Jul 19 21:02:38 2008
Subject: Re: WSJ photos

Maybe by the glacier so there's major distractions?!

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 21:02:21 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Mason, Janice L (GOV) <janice.mason@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
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Governor-

I know this is the last thing you want to think about this weekend. But the Wall Street Journal photo folks were wondering if they could snap a few pictures of you running on Tuesday afternoon or early evening in Juneau. Please let me know - they would like to fly

a photographer in from L.A.

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From: Ivy Frye [ivyfrye@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2008 5:08 PM
To: Sarah Palin; Todd Palin; Kris Perry; Frank Bailey; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: News covg

News was good tonight. They talked about the new direction of the dept, annette having no idea what monegan was talking about, frank's disappointment in walt and that he was aware of the threats of wooten, and molly's statement that she had to call 911 last wk and wooten's threat the family was going down. By the way, the press release was great. It infers everything that wasn't being done under the previous commissioner.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 9:14 AM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Stepovich; Melissa M (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Michel; Joseph A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Royalty oil

Thank you, this will be helpful when I run into interested/concerned folks today. Hope all is going well Joe!

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From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 23:07:41 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Stepovich, Melissa M (GOV)<melissa.stepovich@alaska.gov>; Frye, Ivy J (GOV) <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Bailey, Frank T (GOV)<frank.bailey@alaska.gov>; Michel, Joseph A (GOV)<joe.michel@alaska.gov>
Subject: Royalty oil

I would bet that at least one of a handful of people in Fairbanks will ask about using our royalty oil to fix the energy/home heating oil crisis. Richard Tilly, Lisa Peger, and Jim Weidner have all been advocates of this approach at one point or another.

Richard Tilly is a local contractor who took the time to put together a fairly detailed proposal and set of figures. It was, in turn, sent to Commissioner Irwin by Rep. Kawasaki for review. We are very close to having an equally detailed response explaining why that approach can't and won't work.

The bottom line is that a judicial decision suggests strongly that we can't sell royalty oil for less than we would receive than if we took it in value.

Beyond that, much of our royalty oil is already under contract to Flint Hills, but even if we were to take it all in kind and sell it for less, it is unlikely to have the intended effect. There is more oil refined in Alaska than we have in royalty. We would have to subsidize non-royalty oil in order to get all heating oil, diesel, and gasoline produced in Alaska down to the same price.

This will all be explained to Rep Kawasaki, Mr Tilly, and anybody else who asks about it in short order. We can take names and addresses for those who are interested and send them the details and report.

Joe

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Unknown**From:** Bill Walker [bill-wwa@ak.net]**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2008 5:13 PM

To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); govenor@state.ak.us; Bunde; Con (LAA); Cowdery; John (LAA); Davis; Bettye J (LAA); Dyson; Fred (LAA); Ellis; Johnny (LAA); Elton; Kim S (LAA); French; Hollis (LAA); Green; Lyda N (LAA); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Huggins; Charlie (LAA); Kookesh; Albert (LAA); McGuire; Lesil L (LAA); Olson; Donny (LAA); Stedman; Bert K (LAA); Stevens; Gary L (LAA); Theriault; Gene (LAA); Thomas; Joe (LAA); Wagoner; Tom (LAA); Wielechowski; Bill (LAA); Wilken; Gary R (LAA); Rep_Bob_Buch@legis.state.ak.us;
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 Rep_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: Response to Issues Regarding LNG Export License & Economics from AGPA

Dear Governor Palin, Senate President Green, Speaker Harris, Members of the Alaska State Legislature, Commissioner Irwin, Commissioner Galvin, Deputy Commissioner Rutherford and Joe Balash

As you return to Juneau for the final debate and vote on AGIA, I would like to succinctly address a few points regarding the All-Alaska gasline / LNG project. Several of these are considered by some to be stumbling blocks for this project. The facts, data, economics, and existing license and agreements suggest that there are no insurmountable hurdles to a successful LNG project that could expeditiously provide much needed gas to Alaskans.

Economics

It has been suggested an LNG project would have inferior economics to a Canadian project. Because of the superior pricing environment in Asia, an LNG project at like volumes will have a superior netback and net present value to a Canadian project in all reasonable scenarios. A smaller 2.7 bcf/d LNG project has a higher projected netback than a larger Canadian line in most scenarios (with the exception primarily of very strong North American and very weak Asian gas price scenarios). Both the EconOne (page 46) and Port Authority analyses support the above conclusions.

Export License

Neither the Port Authority nor its Fortune 500 partners believe exporting North Slope gas will be

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an insurmountable hurdle. In 1989 DOE granted YPC an export license for LNG from Valdez. In its detailed and comprehensive decision DOE rejected virtually all of the arguments that a party would make in opposition to an export license. Consequently, there are significant reasons to believe either: 1) YPC's existing export license will be honored by DOE; or 2) if not honored that a new license will be issued. Counsel for the Port Authority has prepared a 12 page report on the applicable law which, along with the relevant DOE precedent, are available upon request. Legislators are encouraged to review this material to get a feel for DOE's decision making process and how strong a presumption at the federal level there is for allowing export. Legislators are encouraged to review this material to gain an insight into the DOE's decision making process and an appreciation for the strong presumption at the federal level for allowing export.

These are historic times and monumental decisions of generational import on how to move Alaska's gas to market and to Alaskans. What a privilege it is for each of us – project sponsors, administrators, consultants and decision maker alike – to be a participant in this process. As stewards of Alaska's resources, we know you will leave no stone unturned or any opportunity ignored in these decisive final hours. As always, if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions, do not hesitate to email me or call me at 278-7000 (office) or 223-8530 (cell).

Bill Walker

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From: Birdman^i^ [birdmankfr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 11:09 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Cc: Bryce Edgmon; Berg; Adam C (LAA); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); sockeye1@nushtel.net; fritz@bbedc.com; moses kritz
Subject: Fishing Loss Time and Solution?

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Sunday July 20, 2008

RE: Loss of down fishing time and resources

Dear Governor Palin and Commissioner Lloyd;

I would like to place an important option to your immediate attention, regarding our fishing and fishing community's futures. We all agree these two are in distress from management decisions of the past and in my humble opinion it's time to re-engineer a better promise for a brighter future. We should never think we are subject to foreign processing in order to achieve high goals for Alaska and All Alaskans.

I would like to see Alaska's Western CDQ communities take the lead to band together to organize Village based processes unique to an individual community. For example, picture portable containers, that house a particular process and can be ready shipped and assembles, as a community requires. The corner stone would be in fisherman's handling such as H&G bleed fish on board, chilled and delivered to filleting and packaging operations ready to expedite from the water to the dinner tables in as short of time as possible to insure consumer quality. We have drafted plans to such operations for your review. As filleting is grasped and a new process such as commercial smoking or canning is needed, the operation container can be barged in to snap onto an established and working process.

It is believed by some we need to construct multi-million dollar operations that require much investment all at once. This is not the case if we look towards the future and micro manage our movements to develop success stories around Western Alaska where much needed economic development is surly needed. I could really talk long and hard on this area as Togiak with it's monopolized fish processors that pay 50 cents a pound for fish that grabs a much higher value as it journeys outward to the benefit of other states citizenry and a huge loss for Alaskans.

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The answer isn't found in foreign processors but in the hearts of all Alaskans who want and deserve a better future. I say let's work together to make it happen as we re-tool our thinking and perspective to micro processing in Western Alaska. These processing stations would insure less shut down and loss of valuable fishing time as well as convert profit processes to build economic stability in Western Alaska's poorest communities. The dinosaurs of the past must be streamlined into processes that can be added for resource development for of local customary process marketable into many areas and uses. For example, human or pet consumption as well as fish oil markets for Omega III in vitamin markets etc.

Okay, I believe we have all worked and thought on these things but I would like to see sleeves roll up and minds come together to solve and build better solutions. We shouldn't have the problems in the fishing/processing industry in Alaska we have today with loss of fishing time with a result of economic loss in Alaska's communities. Let's hold a CDQ Communities Fishing/Processing Summit to put ideas into action for better seasons to come. Let's not look to outside help and resources to develop what belongs to Alaskans. Let's work to set the pace and establish a fair market price for Alaskan's and Alaskan resources. I have seen the markets and have much respect for micro processing in Alaska, please help others and me relize a dream unique to Western Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and thoughts in this matter. As I will be out fishing tomorrow I will e-mail this proposal letter with a hard copy to follow for your records.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Francis, Ramey, Fisherman and Togiak City Council Member


C.C.: Senator Lyman Hoffman


Rep. Bryce Edgmon


Robin Samuelsen, Jr., CEO & President BBEDC (CDQ program Corp.)

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Love Is The CornerStone Holding All Joy^i^

A Man With Wings Is Truly An Angel^i^

Blessings Of Love...Birdman^i^

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/suijuriscourtangels/>

"What kind of a legal system is this where we're going to design our rules to encourage guilty people to plead - or innocent people to plead guilty? It's crazy." Justice Scalia

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Randy has indicated that she has not been a friend.....

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Sent: Sun Jul 20 22:10:52 2008
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Whoa, don't know if you caught Lauren Rice's interview on ktuu... don't know her history, but she had nuthin good to say.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 10:36 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sched

Will note first thing in the a.m. Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Sun Jul 20 22:02:43 2008
Subject: Sched

Pls note last night 9pm mtg w kelly, Kris, nizich, talis in fairbanks
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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 6:41 PM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Response to Issues Regarding LNG Export License & Economics from AGPA

Although addressed to each of you, I didn't see you listed on the email.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Walker <bill-wwa@ak.net>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); govenor@state.ak.us <govenor@state.ak.us>; Bunde, Con (LAA); Cowdery, John (LAA); Davis, Bettye J (LAA); Dyson, Fred (LAA); Ellis, Johnny (LAA); Elton, Kim S (LAA); French, Hollis (LAA); Green, Lyda N (LAA); Hoffman, Lyman F (LAA); Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Kookesh, Albert (LAA); McGuire, Lesil L (LAA); Olson, Donny (LAA); Stedman, Bert K (LAA); Stevens, Gary L (LAA); Therriault, Gene (LAA); Thomas, Joe (LAA); Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Wielechowski, Bill (LAA); Wilken, Gary R (LAA); Rep_Bob_Buch@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Bob_Buch@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Harry_Crawford@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Harry_Crawford@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Nancy_Dahlstrom@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Nancy_Dahlstrom@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Andrea_Doll@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Andrea_Doll@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mike_Doogan@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mike_Doogan@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Anna_Fairclough@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Anna_Fairclough@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Richard_Foster@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Richard_Foster@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Berta_Gardner@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Berta_Gardner@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Carl_Gatto@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Carl_Gatto@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Max_Gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Max_Gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_David_Guttenberg@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_David_Guttenberg@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mike_Hawker@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mike_Hawker@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Lindsey_Holmes@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Lindsey_Holmes@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Kyle_Johansen@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Kyle_Johansen@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Craig_Johnson@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Craig_Johnson@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Reggie_Joule@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Reggie_Joule@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Scott_Kawasaki@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Scott_Kawasaki@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Wes_Keller@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Wes_Keller@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mike_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mike_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Gabrielle_LeDoux@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Gabrielle_LeDoux@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Bob_Lynn@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Bob_Lynn@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Kevin_Meyer@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Kevin_Meyer@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mary_Nelson@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mary_Nelson@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Mark_Neuman@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Mark_Neuman@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Kurt_Olson@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Kurt_Olson@legis.state.ak.us>; jayramras@hotmail.com <jayramras@hotmail.com>; Rep_Jay_Ramras@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Jay_Ramras@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Bob_Roses@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Bob_Roses@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Ralph_Samuels@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Ralph_Samuels@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Woodie_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Woodie_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Paul_Seaton@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Paul_Seaton@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Bill_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Bill_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Bill_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Bill_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us>; Rep_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us <Rep_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>; Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Sun Jul 20 17:13:09 2008

Subject: Response to Issues Regarding LNG Export License & Economics from AGPA

Dear Governor Palin, Senate President Green, Speaker Harris, Members of the Alaska State Legislature, Commissioner Irwin, Commissioner Galvin, Deputy Commissioner Rutherford and Joe Balash

As you return to Juneau for the final debate and vote on AGIA, I would like to succinctly address a few points regarding the All-Alaska gasline / LNG project. Several of these are considered by some to be stumbling blocks for this project. The facts, data, economics, and existing license and agreements suggest that there are no insurmountable hurdles to a successful LNG project that could expeditiously provide much needed gas to Alaskans.

Economics

It has been suggested an LNG project would have inferior economics to a Canadian project. Because of the superior pricing environment in Asia, an LNG project at like volumes will have a superior netback and net present value to a Canadian project in all reasonable scenarios. A smaller 2.7 bcf/d LNG project has a higher projected netback than a larger Canadian line in most scenarios (with the exception primarily of very strong North American and very weak Asian gas price scenarios). Both the EconOne (page 46) and Port Authority analyses support the above conclusions.

Export License

Neither the Port Authority nor its Fortune 500 partners believe exporting North Slope gas will be an insurmountable hurdle. In 1989 DOE granted YPC an export license for LNG from Valdez. In its detailed and comprehensive decision DOE rejected virtually all of the arguments that a party would make in opposition to an export license. Consequently, there are significant reasons to believe either: 1) YPC's existing export license will be honored by DOE; or 2) if not honored that a new license will be issued. Counsel for the Port Authority has prepared a 12 page report on the applicable law which, along with the relevant DOE precedent, are available upon request. Legislators are encouraged to review

this material to get a feel for DOE's decision making process and how strong a presumption at the federal level there is for allowing export. Legislators are encouraged to review this material to gain an insight into the DOE's decision making process and an appreciation for the strong presumption at the federal level for allowing export.

These are historic times and monumental decisions of generational import on how to move Alaska's gas to market and to Alaskans. What a privilege it is for each of us - project sponsors, administrators, consultants and decision maker alike - to be a participant in this process. As stewards of Alaska's resources, we know you will leave no stone unturned or any opportunity ignored in these decisive final hours. As always, if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions, do not hesitate to email me or call me at 278-7000 (office) or 223-8530 (cell).

Bill Walker

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 9:23 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Thank you/Fairbanks

Thankyou governor. Talis

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Cc: kris <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Kel Goode <kellyc@acsalaska.net>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Sun Jul 20 09:19:24 2008
Subject: Thank you/Fairbanks

Thanks for traveling up here Talis, Mike, Kris, Kel... and for working all hours, all the time! I appreciated spending time with you last evening, thanks for letting me think out loud with you re: this latest issue. I appreciate your patience, wisdom, and the grace you show me as I express concerns. Thanks!

I'll see you flippin' burgers in a couple of hours. ;)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 9:19 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: kris; Kel Goode; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Thank you/Fairbanks

Thanks for traveling up here Talis, Mike, Kris, Kel... and for working all hours, all the time! I appreciated spending time with you last evening, thanks for letting me think out loud with you re: this latest issue. I appreciate your patience, wisdom, and the grace you show me as I express concerns. Thanks!

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 1:28 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: Please help the Troopers

Governor - just received this via email. Janice

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 11:33 AM
To: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Please help the Troopers

From: Anonymous Trooper [mailto:anonymoustrooper@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Please help the Troopers

Dear Governor,

I'm sorry for the scandal and misdirection that has embattled your administration this week and distracted you and your staff. I am an Alaska State Trooper, but wish

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 1:39 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: DPS

Governor.

I will be attending the 4:00 pm media event at the Mansion and available to help answer questions if necessary.

Randy

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 12:53 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: Energy Tax Credit

Any objection to me giving Katz the green light on signing the letter discussed at NGA? This is the letter extending renewable energy tax credits for fives years. John doesn't see any problem.

*Kris Perry, Director
Office of Governor Sarah Palin &
Office of International Trade
907.269.7450 (p)
907.269.7463 (f)*

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 8:35 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Megan Holland Request for Information

Governor:

Megan Holland is looking for a response to some statements by Walt tonight. Walt's statements and Megan's questions were:

1. Is the Governor aware of efforts by Walt for a long-range staffing plan? (Answer: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted)
 2. Is the Governor aware of a recruitment and retention plan? (Privileged or Personal Material Redacted)
 3. Has the Governor read the draft annual report - 2007? Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
 4. How many face to face meetings with Monegan? He is saying 4 in 17 months. (Answer: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted)
 5. Commissioners feel Gov. too busy with AGIA. (Answer: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted)
- Commissioner Galvin has spoken with Rosanne and suggests Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
- Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
- Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
- Megan is on deadline - Her phone number is 257-4343.

My phone number is 790-6582 if you need more information.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 11:12 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Janice Mason; Joseph Balash; Kris Perry; Mike Nizich; Russ Kelly
Subject: Congressman Boehner, etc/Thank You

Per your request, pasted below is my proposed thank you note from you to each member of Congressman Boehner's entourage. As you will note, I have added brief mention of Alaska energy issues to go along with the thank you.

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Sincerely,

John W. Katz

*Director of State/Federal Relations
and Special Counsel to the Governor*
jwkatz@alaskadc.org
(202)624-5858

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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 12:31 PM

To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: 209-7003 is the blackberry number for AK

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From: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MBROWLAND]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 4:28 PM
To: Goode; Kelly C (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Donald Olson Jr !!

In case you hadn't already heard the news...

Mindy Rowland
Deputy Legislative Director
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
465-4021

From: Denise Liccioli
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 11:24 AM
To: All Legislators
Subject: Donald Olson Jr !!

Good morning everyone,

Senator Olson and Willow want all of you to know that they had their baby – 8 lb 6 oz Donald, Jr – yesterday at 4:35 am! Both Mom and baby are doing great and everything went smoothly ... and quickly. Willow and baby were released from the hospital yesterday and were actually in their home in Anchorage by 10 pm. The Senator will be delayed getting back to Juneau and when he does arrive, I'm told he will be coming alone, so unfortunately, we will all have to wait a little while longer to meet Jr. - but he can tell you all about him when he does arrive. They are happy to have their "bundle of joy" and wanted to share that great news with you right away.

~Denise
Staff to Senator Olson
907-465-3880

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 6:17 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Ktva

Done. Just talked to him.

Rosanne Hughes
Director of External Communications
(907) 269-7450

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 5:59 PM
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: FW: Ktva

Kris Perry, Director
Office of Governor Sarah Palin &
Office of International Trade
907.269.7450 (p)
907.269.7463 (f)

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 5:48 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Kel Goode; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Ktva

Tell Matthew before he files his story: I wrote letter of reco back 2000 BEFORE he broke laws: illegal hunt; tazing a child; drinking in patrol car; threatening to kill...

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 12:42 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Janice Mason; Joe Balash; K Perry; M Nizich; Russ Kelly
Subject: Re: Congressman Boehner, etc/Thank You

Sure. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

*Director of State/Federal Relations
and Special Counsel to the Governor
jwkatz@alaskadc.org
(202)624-5858*

>>> On 7/21/2008 at 4:09 PM, in message <398514671-1216671062-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-2143143379-@bx184.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 15:11:56 -0400
To: Governor Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Janice Mason<janice.mason@alaska.gov>; Joseph Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Russ Kelly<rkelly@ALASKADC.org>
Subject: Congressman Boehner, etc/Thank You

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Sincerely,

John W. = Katz
Director of = State/Federal Relations
and Special = Counsel to the Governor
= jwkatz@alaskadc.org
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 9:24 AM
To: Stapleton; Meghan N (DNR)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV)
Subject: Re: Reception Re: House

Let's do it

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 08:15:24 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Reception Re: House

I think it's a great idea - and it would go really far re: Monegan, too. They know you don't have anything to hide if you open your door to a reception and more talk / discussion.

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Mon 7/21/2008 6:18 AM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Kel Goode
Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR); Todd
Subject: Reception Re: House

They'd show up for pie and coffee, I'll bet! We could gather many good pies of many varieties... it's something different and nice and welcoming.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 13:58:39
To: Joe Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Kel Goode<kellyc@acsalaska.net>
Cc: Marty Rutherford<marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>; Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Pat Galvin<patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>; K Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Erika Fagerstrom<erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Meghan Stapleton<meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>
Subject: House

If we want to do something at gov's house tonight, tomorrow... let Erika and me know. Leggies and/or AGIA team may need a reprieve there and we can do anything from dinner to cookies to coffees to whatever helps in this waning days before House vote.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 6:28 AM
To: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT); Bishop; Clark C (DOL); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Fw: East-West Rd

Fyi

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 14:26:43 +0000
To: John Katz <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>
CC: Kel Goode <kellyc@acsalaska.net>; M Nizich <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Randy Ruaro <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: East-West Rd

Rd to Nome and/or Bristol Bay.
Excellent dinner w Boehner. I'll email more later after arriving for my Juneau flt.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 10:25:53 -0400
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Kel Goode <kellyc@acsalaska.net>; M Nizich <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Randy Ruaro <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: East-West Rd

In general, all three members of the Congression= al delegation support roads that facilitate natural resource development = or promote commerce between villages.

I presume that "E-W" means a road that would = approximate an East-West corridor and might intersect with a = North-South artery. If so, the closest specific approximation that I = can think of is Senator Stevens' previous support for a road corridor in = the Gates of the Arctic Boot, that is, a road that would traverse the = southern portion of the Brooks Range. If you can confirm that I'm on = the right track with the reference to E-W, I'll make a specific inquiry to = the Senator and his staff.

There may be one complication. If federal = lands are involved, the applicant would probably need to use Title XI of = ANILCA, relating to transportation and utility corridors. These = provisions are extremely cumbersome and bureaucratic and have never been = used previously for this purpose.

P.S.

I hope that your visit with Congressman = Boehner's entourage was a good one. Any thoughts or = necessary follow-up in the aftermath?

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John W. = Katz
Director of = State/Federal Relations
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>>>> On 7/21/2008 at 9:44 AM, in message = <624736764-1216647988-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-18731774-= @bxel84.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

=
John- what's been Stevens' = position on AK building and E-W road to our resources? Probably a \$2 = billion project... And the first major rd built since the 70's. It's = certainly something we want to do and would want to put some of our Fed = Transportation formula funds towards.
Sent from my BlackBerry=AE = device from Cellular One

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From: M. Helen Carty [mhc13_1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 8:02 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Mallonee; John R (DOR); Ford-Snoddy; Deannie (DOR)
Subject: Outstanding parking tickets for William Bennnett Peirce
Importance: High

Enclosed is yet another document that I found and took the time out of my life to do CSED job. This I found not only in 2008; but also first discovered it in 2005.

I was hoping that my case worker would do her job and submit this to the MOA which she never did nor did she ever research this site.

When is my CSED case worker going to do her job?

It is too bad that I am not getting paid to do her job since I have no job, money, and am now having to move back with my parents in Dillingham, Alaska.

Since I became partially disabled in an MVA in 1999 it has been a hardship on me since I am not able to make the money that I use too.

Any comments?

Thank you once again for your time.

M. Helen Carty

Time for vacation? WIN what you need. [Enter Now!](#)

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 10:12 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Revised draft

I just talked to sharon and she said she already answered all these same questions when she spoke to meghan earlier today.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Mon Jul 21 22:00:11 2008
Subject: Re: Revised draft

Don't mean to sound sharp, but no one let me know of this issue, nor any press deadline until it was essentially too late. That's why we need to hustle now. Thanks

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 21:49:52 -0800
To: <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Revised draft

Governor, I will do whatever you want.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); rpruaro@yahoo.com <rpruaro@yahoo.com>
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Mon Jul 21 21:46:13 2008
Subject: Re: Revised draft

No rosanne- we do this right.

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 21:44:14 -0800
To: <gov.palin@yahoo.com>; <rpruaro@yahoo.com>
CC: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Revised draft

It may be too late, Governor. I just called her and she said she needs it now or never.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Mon Jul 21 21:41:07 2008
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Cc: Rosanne Hughes
Cc: Kris Perry
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To: mhollland@adn.com <mhollland@adn.com>
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Cc: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Travels Fw: Statement

We don't have records of scheduled cabinet meetings?

I assume u can get a lot more info from assistants in all the other depts then, including Walt's schedule which we should have already asked for. Hopefully we did? And his travel sched?

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 23:33:30 -0800
To: <gov.palin@yahoo.com>; <krisandclark@yahoo.com>
CC: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Travels Fw: Statement

Governor - I can not verify the exact number of trips without looking at the whole scheduling file. I can not get into the calendar system that we used prior to outlook without going into the office and looking through the hard copies. I will gladly go in to look through scheduling but this will take some time and that would probably not include the cabinet meetings, etc. Janice

Sent using BlackBerry

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Sent: Mon Jul 21 23:10:06 2008
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Janice- as scheduler, pls verify the four (or are there more?) trips walt and I took together.

From: "Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 23:05:08 -0800
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First, regarding the number of meetings I've had with Walt over the last year and a half, in addition to several face-to-face meetings, Walt and I spent *much more time together discussing the future and direction of public safety, and my desire for immediate action.* Remember that Walt and I had many opportunities, dozens of discussions at events throughout the state, including four trips to rural Alaska seated together on the plane. During those trips to Bethel, New Stu (twice), and Dillingham, we also spent our days together. That's in addition to every cabinet meeting, every reception, other trips, and phone calls that I've personally had with Walt. To suggest that he had four face-to-face meetings with me in 17 months to discuss public safety is untruthful. Also notable, are the meetings and conversations that my staff had with Walt, on my behalf, including meetings and conversations with fellow Commissioners, the Chief-of-Staff, Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Attorney General, Special Assistants, etc. There is not one instance where Walt was turned down for a meeting, a phone call, or any type of conversation.

Mr. Monegan has asked if I was aware that he had several various plans in the works related to staffing and recruitment and retention. I would assume those plans are the same ones we discussed in those events and meetings, during Cabinet meetings, and on the plane, among other places. Those plans mirrored my thoughts and ideas to get more troopers and tackle the alcohol problem. That's why the ideas remain behind Kopp - only I expect immediate action in this new direction, not just another reminder of our plans. Regarding the draft 2007 annual report. My staff has advised that a copy of a lengthy draft report was provided by him for review by the special assistant and Chief-of-Staff. Again, though, I'm ready for results. And so are the people of this state.

AGIA has been appropriately time consuming. AGIA is our future; the gasline is the financial security for the future of our state. The revenue from the gasline will pay for our essentials, including public safety. However, the time spent on AGIA over the last year and a half has not been to the detriment of ANY department or its missions... and all the more reason to have high expectations that I have self-starters and results-oriented cabinet members.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.palin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Mon 7/21/2008 11:01 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Stapleton, Meghan N (DNR); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Copy of statement sent to Megan Holland

What happened??? I approved Meg's emphatic statement when Kris asked if we xculd just send her's. Why did a different one get sent???

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 06:58:33

To: <rpruaro@yahoo.com>; Meg<meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>; Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc: M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Copy of statement sent to Megan Holland

This is not Meg stapleton's statement!!! I replied to Kris saying "yes", send out Meg's statement that included all my travels with Walt to rural AK... Surely that went out???

-----Original Message-----

From: RANDY RUARO

To: Sarah's Personal Email

Cc: M Nizich

ReplyTo: rpruaro@yahoo.com

Sent: Jul 21, 2008 10:55 PM

Subject: Copy of statement sent to Megan Holland

Per Rosanne and Sharon, this statement went out awhile ago to Megan Holland at the ADN.

Former Commissioner Monegan has asked several questions of me through reporter Megan Holland. My response to those questions follows:

Mr. Monegan has asked if I was aware he had several various plans in the works related to staffing and recruitment and retention. Like the legislature, I was focused and aware of a lack of results in recruiting and retention. Action and results, not words are the bottom line. For nearly two years there were very high numbers of vacancies in the troopers with nearly 1 in 7 positions being unfilled. There were 56 vacancies as of June 30, 2008. I was also aware that regardless of any plans of Mr. Monegan's, no new positions would be approved by the legislature until vacancies were filled, which made it even more important to get the job done.

Mr. Monegan has asked if I was aware of a draft 2007 annual report. I was aware of the draft and in fact, had several questions about it that Mr. Monegan never answered. My special assistant and Chief-of-Staff were also reviewing the draft. The fact that Mr. Monegan prepared a detailed draft written report of the troopers' activities in 2007 does not change the bottom line or lack of results under Mr. Monegan.

Mr. Monegan has suggested that I did not meet with him. This is wrong. In addition to several face-to-face meetings, Walt and I spent much more time together discussing the future and direction of public safety, and my desire for immediate action. Remember that Walt and I had many opportunities, dozens of discussions at events throughout the state, including one-on-one time together on the state's plane traveling to the bush. That's in addition to every cabinet meeting, every reception, other trips, and phone calls that I personally had with Walt. To suggest that he had four opportunities with me in 17 months to discuss public safety is untruthful. Also notable, are the meetings and conversations that my staff had with Walt on my behalf, including meetings and conversations with fellow Commissioners, the Chief-of-Staff, Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Attorney General, Special Assistants, etc. There is not one instance where Walt was turned down for a meeting, a phone call, or any type of conversation.

While I have been busy with AGIA, I pay attention and take care of the state's business on all other fronts as well, and will

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continue to do so.

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